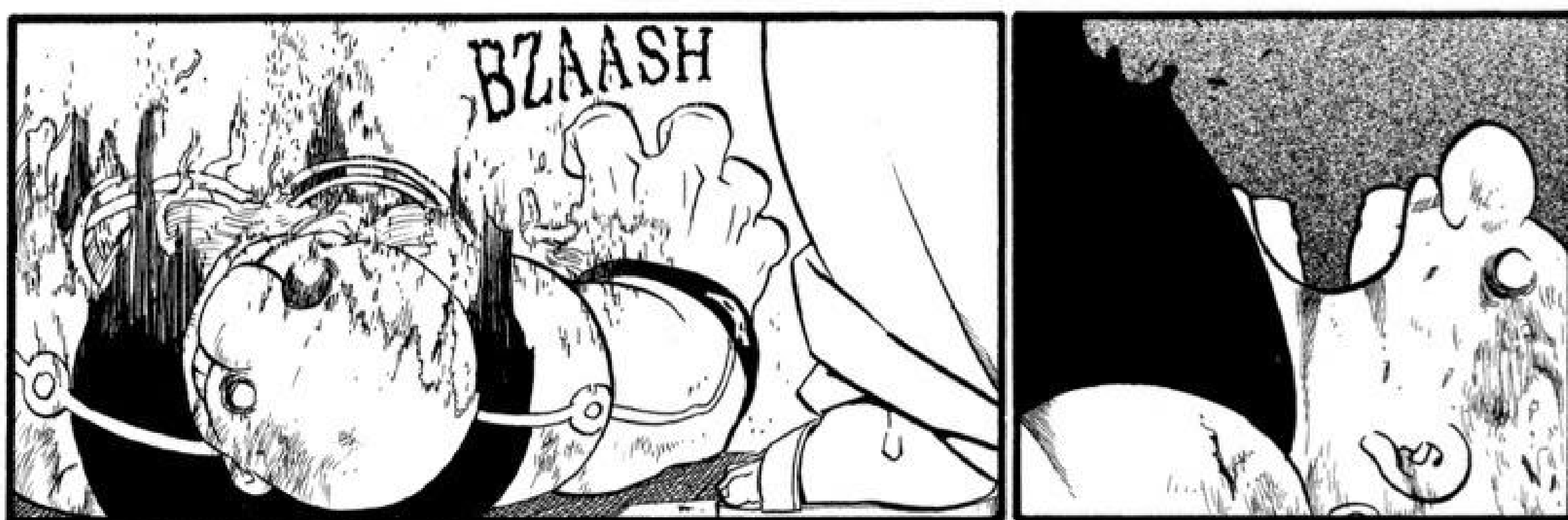
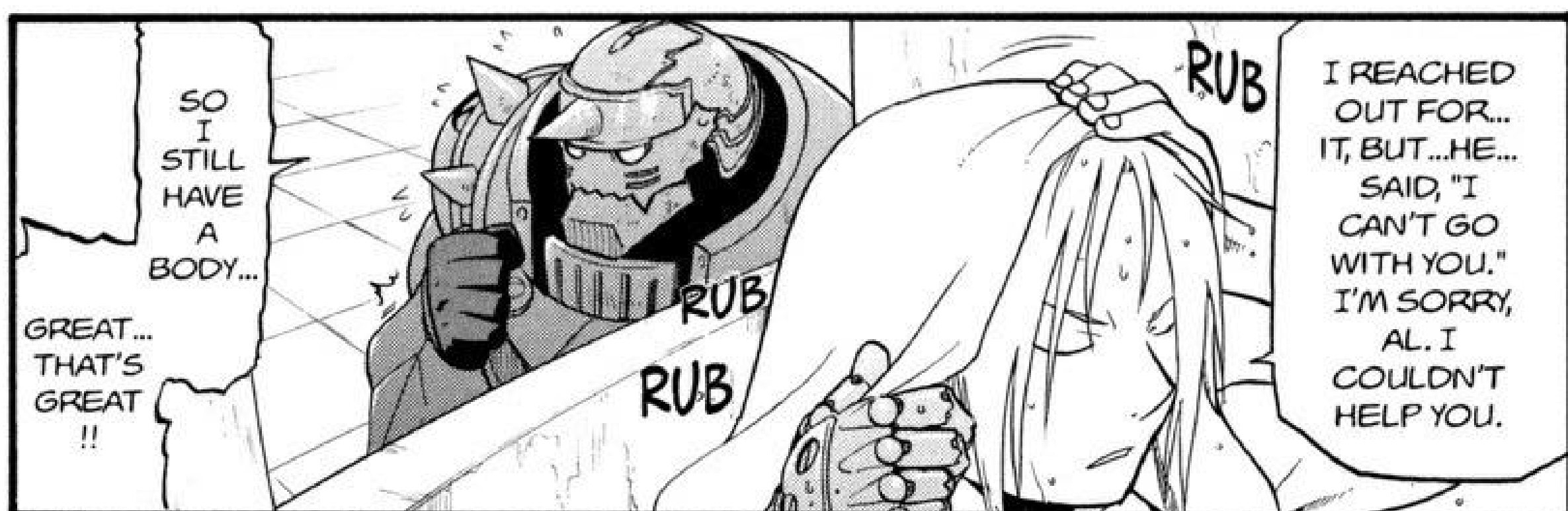








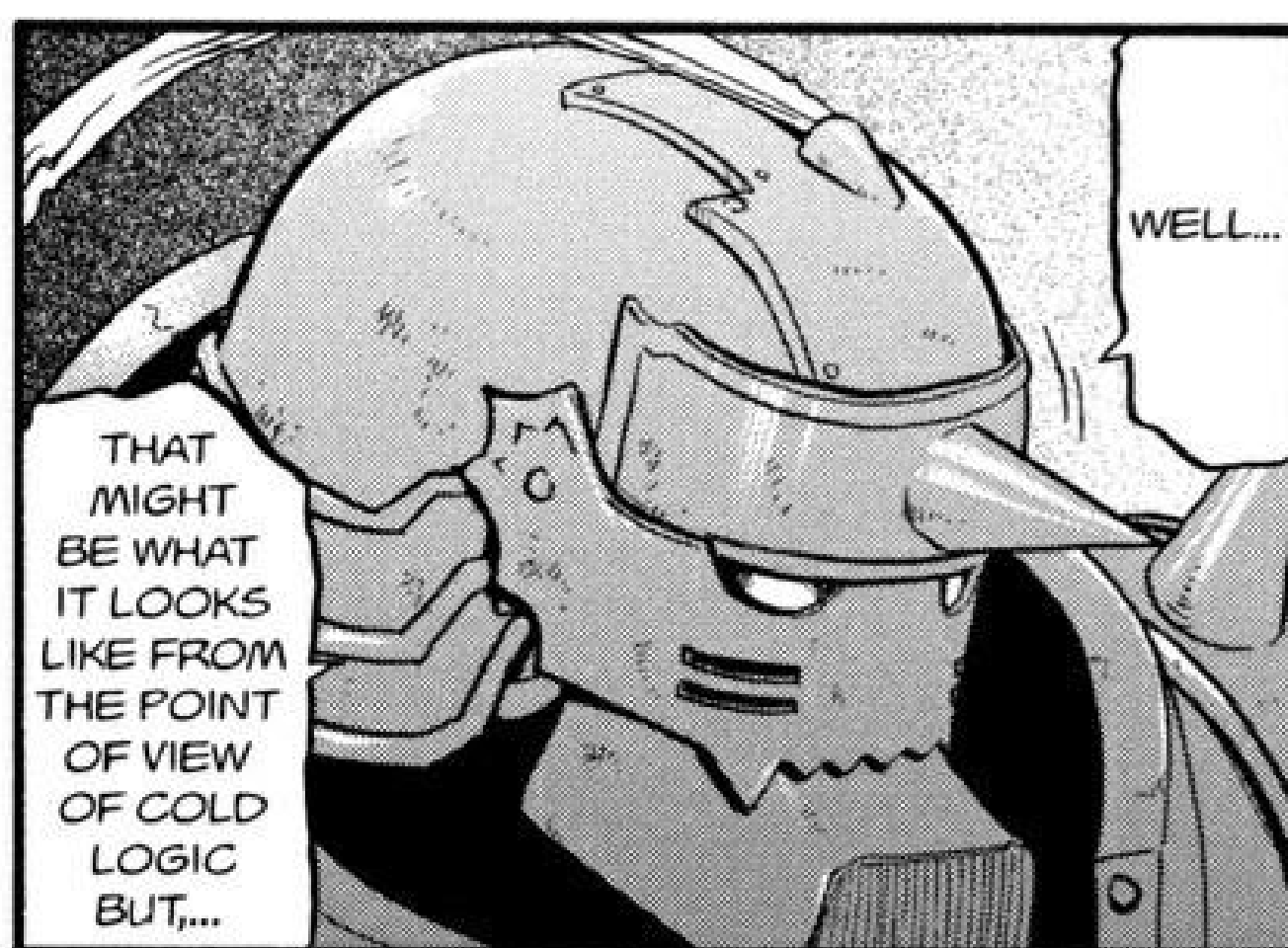


YEAH... I
GUESS
ENVY'S
STONE
WAS
FORGED
FROM
THE
PEOPLE
OF
CSELK-
CESS.

THE
PHILOS-
OPHER'S
STONE...
THAT'S
MADE
OUT OF
PEOPLE'S
LIVES!?



I
USED
THE
STONE
INSIDE
ENVY.



THAT
MIGHT
BE WHAT
IT LOOKS
LIKE FROM
THE POINT
OF VIEW
OF COLD
LOGIC
BUT,...

WELL...



THEY'RE
NOTHING
MORE THAN
MINDLESS
ENERGY
FORMS
NOW, SLOWLY
BEING
CONSUMED
LIKE...
BATTERIES.

THEY
DON'T
HAVE ANY
BODIES
TO GO
BACK TO
AND
THEIR
SOULS
ARE
LOST.



AFTER
THAT, ALL
WE NEED
TO DO IS
PULL YOUR
BODY
BACK
OUT.

YOU CALL
THEM
"ENERGY
FORMS,"
BUT
ORIGINALLY
THEY
WERE--



WE CAN THE
GET TOLL...
THROUGH
THE
PORTAL
IF WE
HAVE THE
STONE.

I PROVED
THAT IT'S
POSSIBLE
TO
TRANSMUTE
YOURSELF.



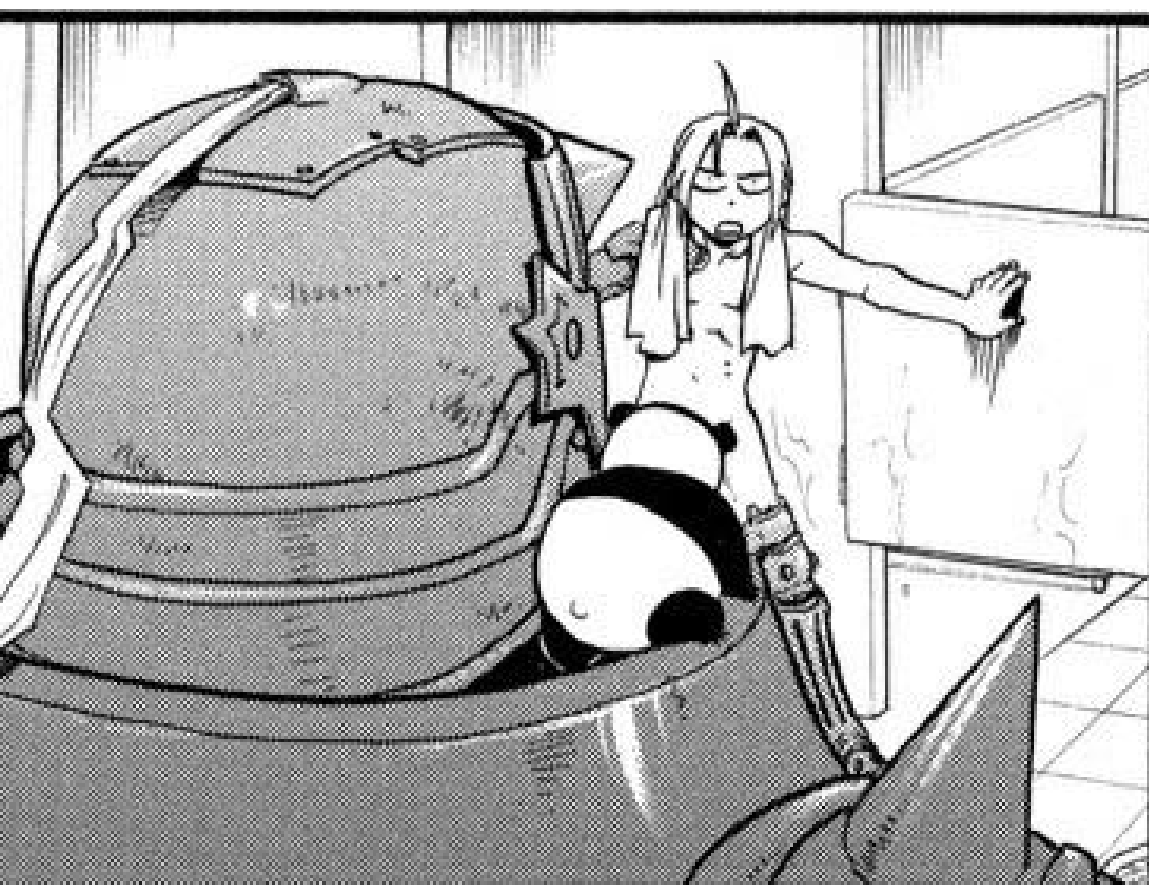
**YOU
DIDN'T
SEE
YOUR
BODY
!!**



ARE
YOU
REALLY
ALL RIGHT
WITH
THIS, BIG
BROTHER
!?

THIS
IS NO
TIME
TO
WAFFLE
!

WE NEED
TO GET
YOU OUT
OF THERE
AS SOON
AS POS-
SIBLE.

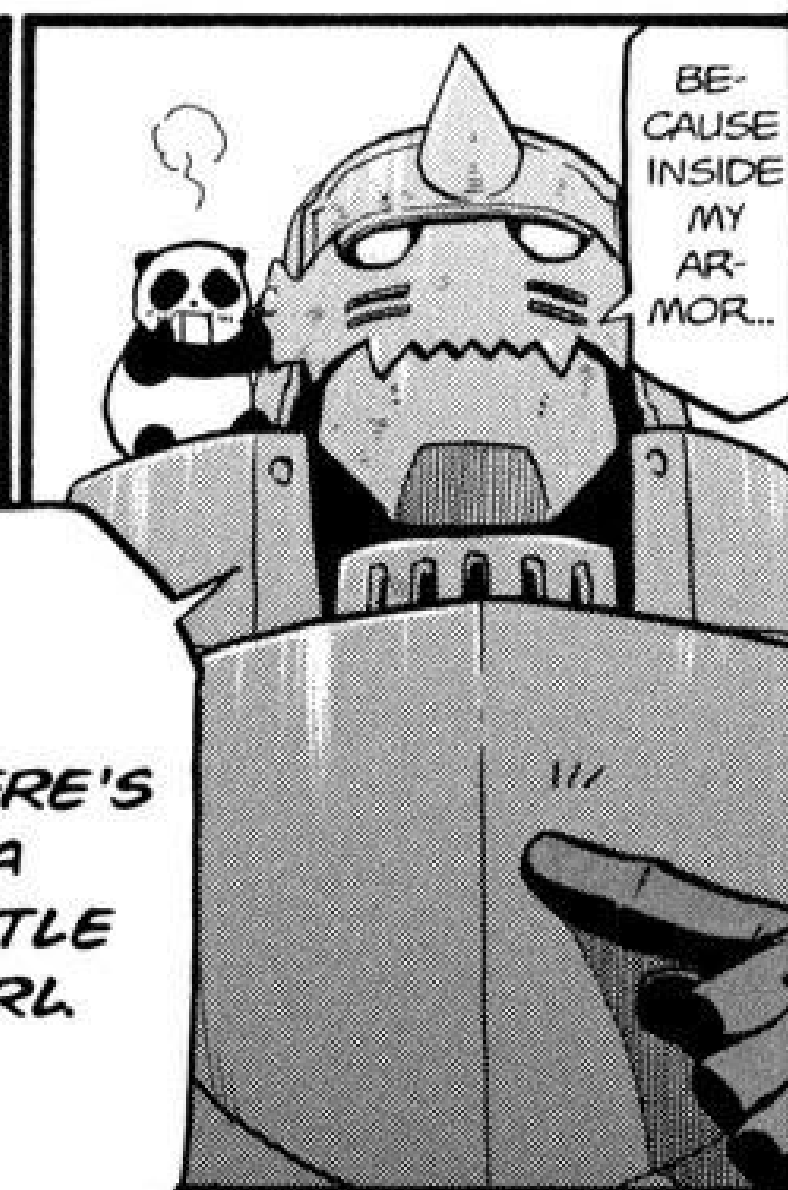


IF YOU'D
SEEN
YOUR
SKINNY
BUTT,
YOU'D
FEEL
THE
SAME
WAY...

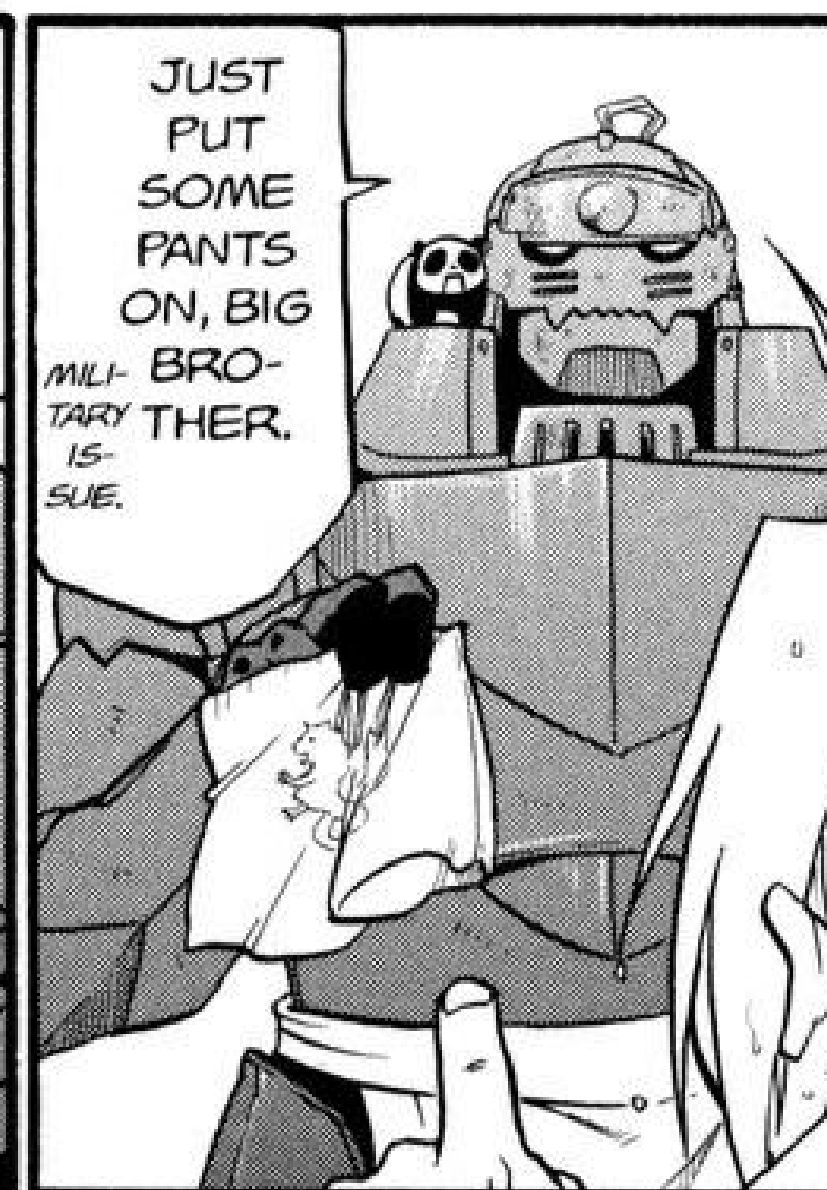
MUDDY-PANTS ALCHEMIST



...THERE'S
A
LITTLE
GIRL

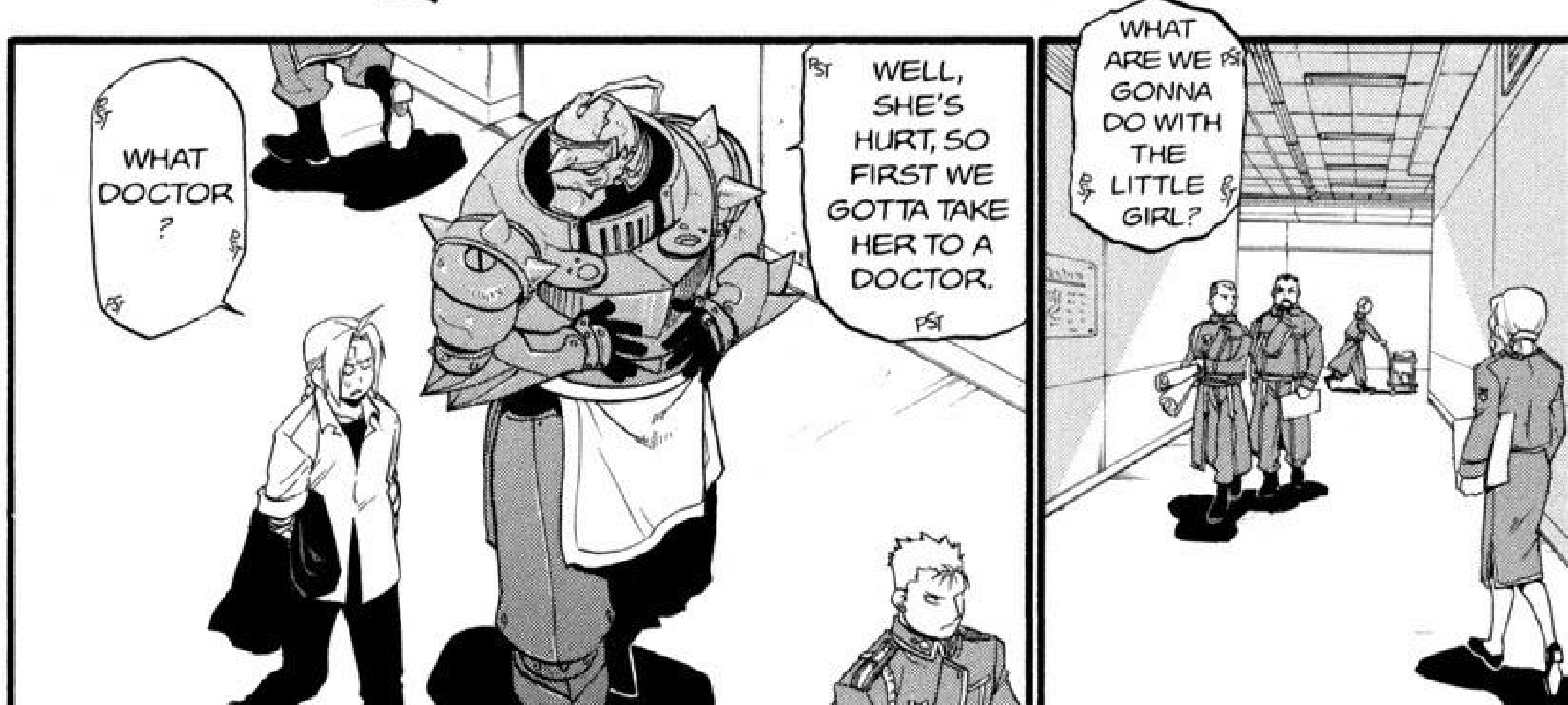


BE-
CAUSE
INSIDE
MY
AR-
MOR...



JUST
PUT
SOME
PANTS
ON, BIG
BRO-
THER.
MILI-
TARY
IS-
SUE.

WHAT'S
THAT
BLACK
AND
WHITE
KITTY
DOING
HERE?







...WHAT'S GOING ON?

A LOT'S HAPPENED.

MORE THAN YOU'D BELIEVE.



FLINCH

HAVE A SEAT.



2ND LT. BREDAS WAS SENT WEST.

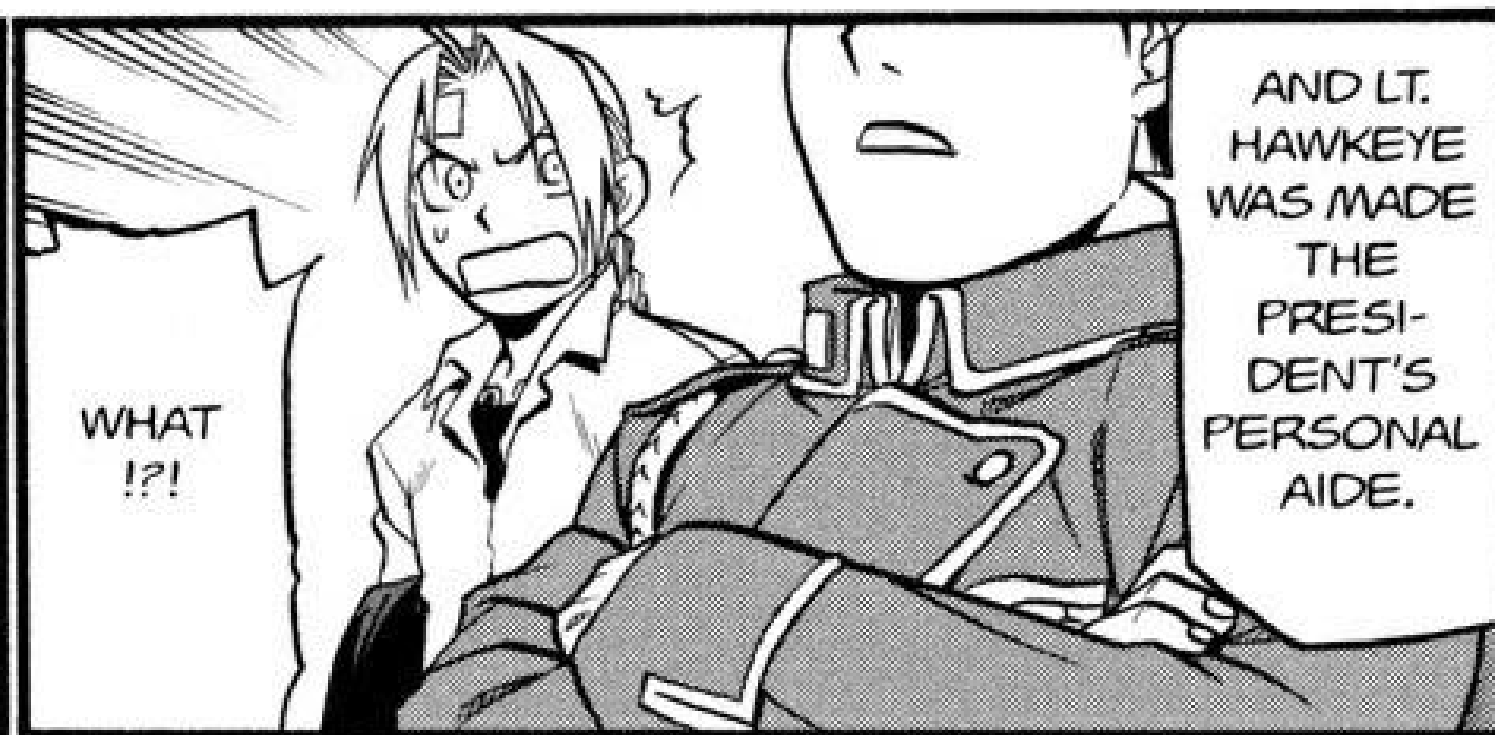
WARRANT OFFICER FALMAN IS IN THE NORTH.

SGT. MAJOR FUERY IS IN THE SOUTH.

K L A C K



THE CONSPIRACY TURNED OUT TO INVOLVE MORE THAN JUST A "PORTION" OF THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND.



WHAT !?!

AND LT. HAWKEYE WAS MADE THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL AIDE.



HOW COULD RIDICULOUS ORDERS LIKE THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH ?

THEY'RE NOTHING BUT HOSTAGES !!



EVERY-
ONE
IS
GUILTY.



A
HOMUN-
CULUS
!!



...!!

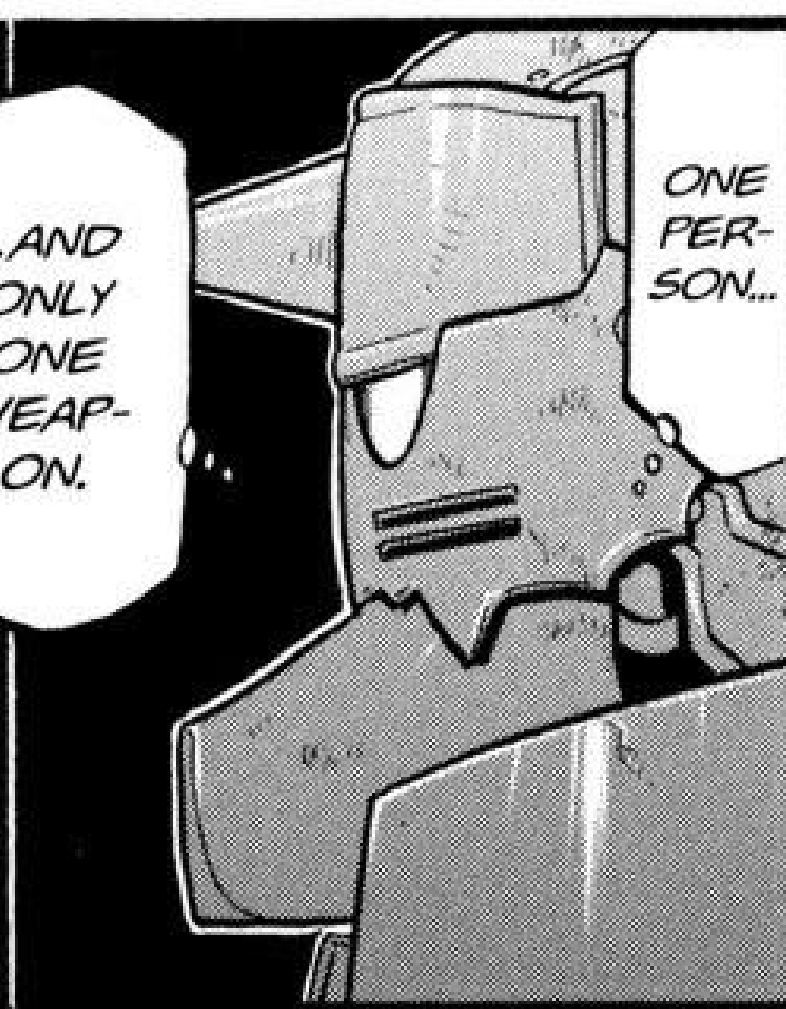


NO...

FÜHRER
PRESI-
DENT
KING
BRAD-
LEY...



...AND
ONLY
ONE
WEAP-
ON.



ONE
PER-
SON...

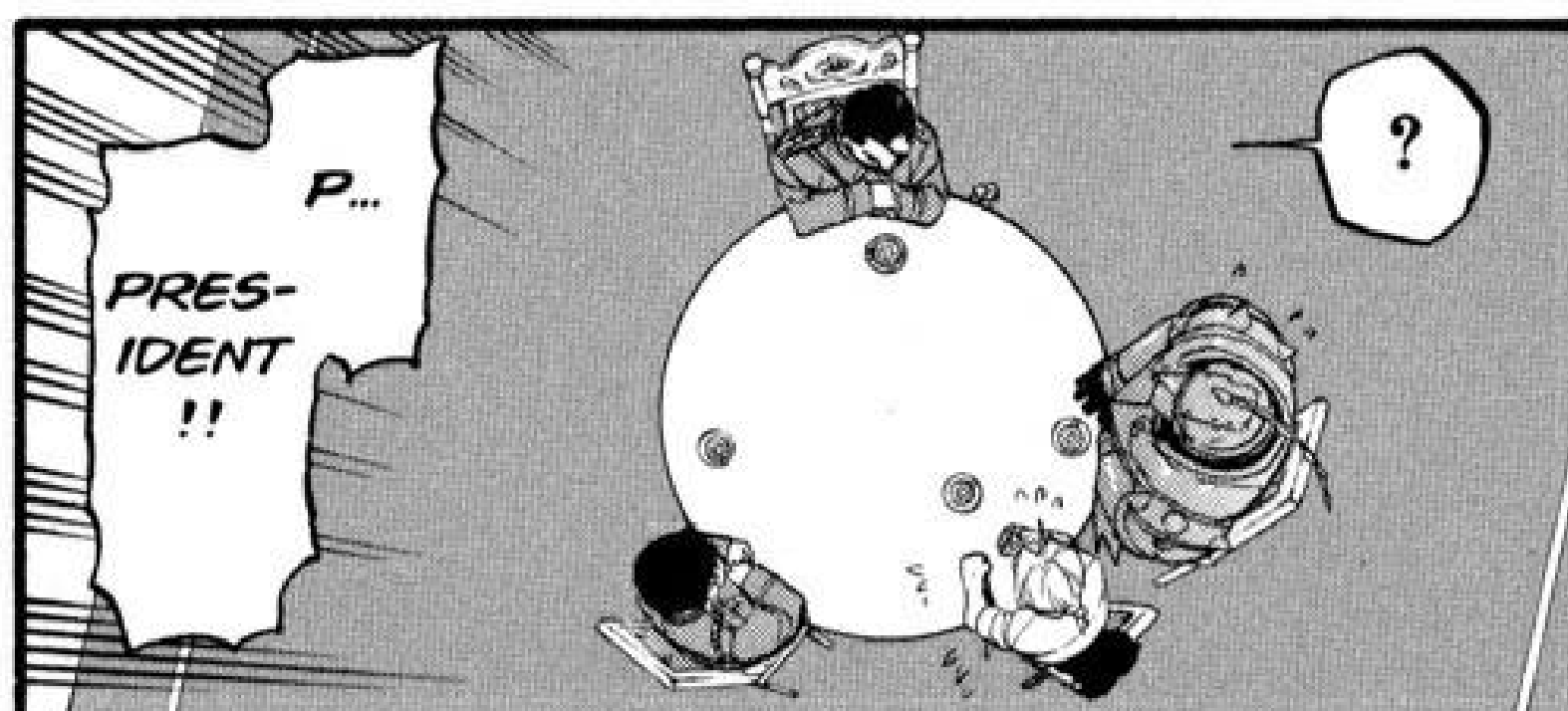


THE
PRESIDENT
IS ALONE
WITH US.



ooo

SO HE'S
CONFIDENT
THAT HE COULD
DEFEAT US
THREE COMBAT
ALCHEMISTS
IN A FIGHT...



P...
PRES-
IDENT
!!

?



A-
CHOO
!!



...YOU
CAME
TO
SEE
ME.

BACK
WHEN I
WAS
IN THE
HOSPITAL...



"WHEN
THE
TIME
COMES,
I WILL
CALL ON
YOU..."
THAT IS
WHAT I
SAID TO
YOU.

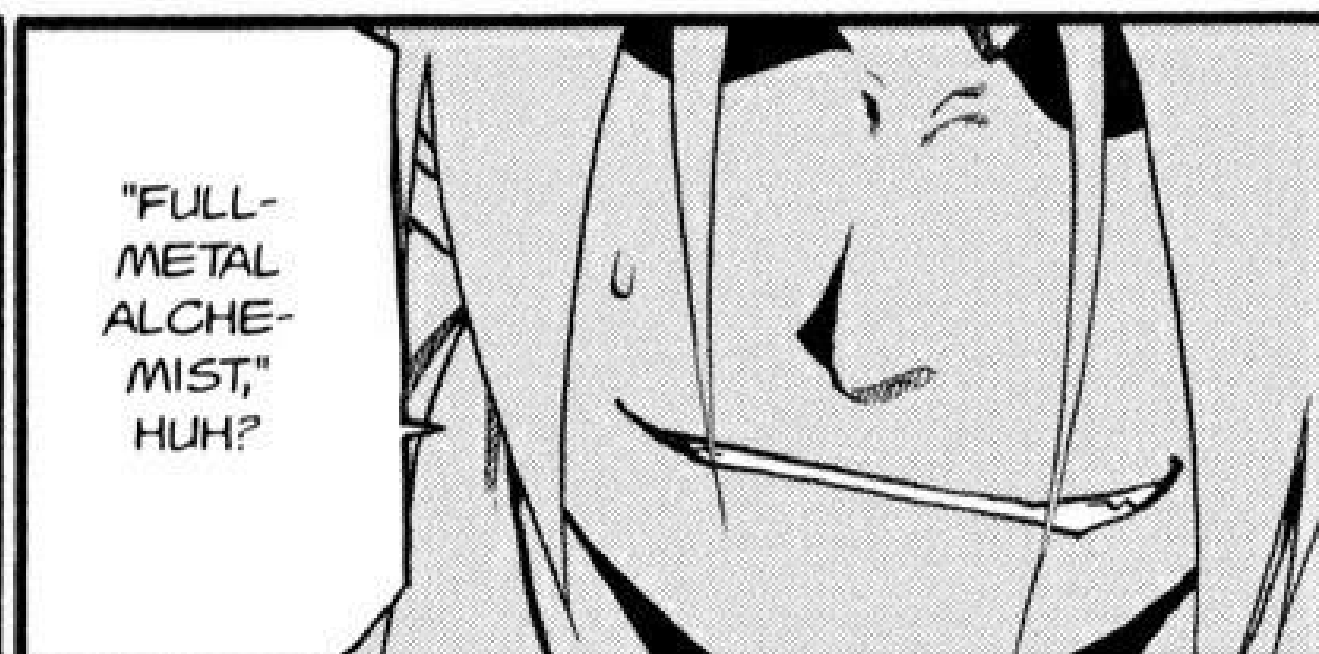
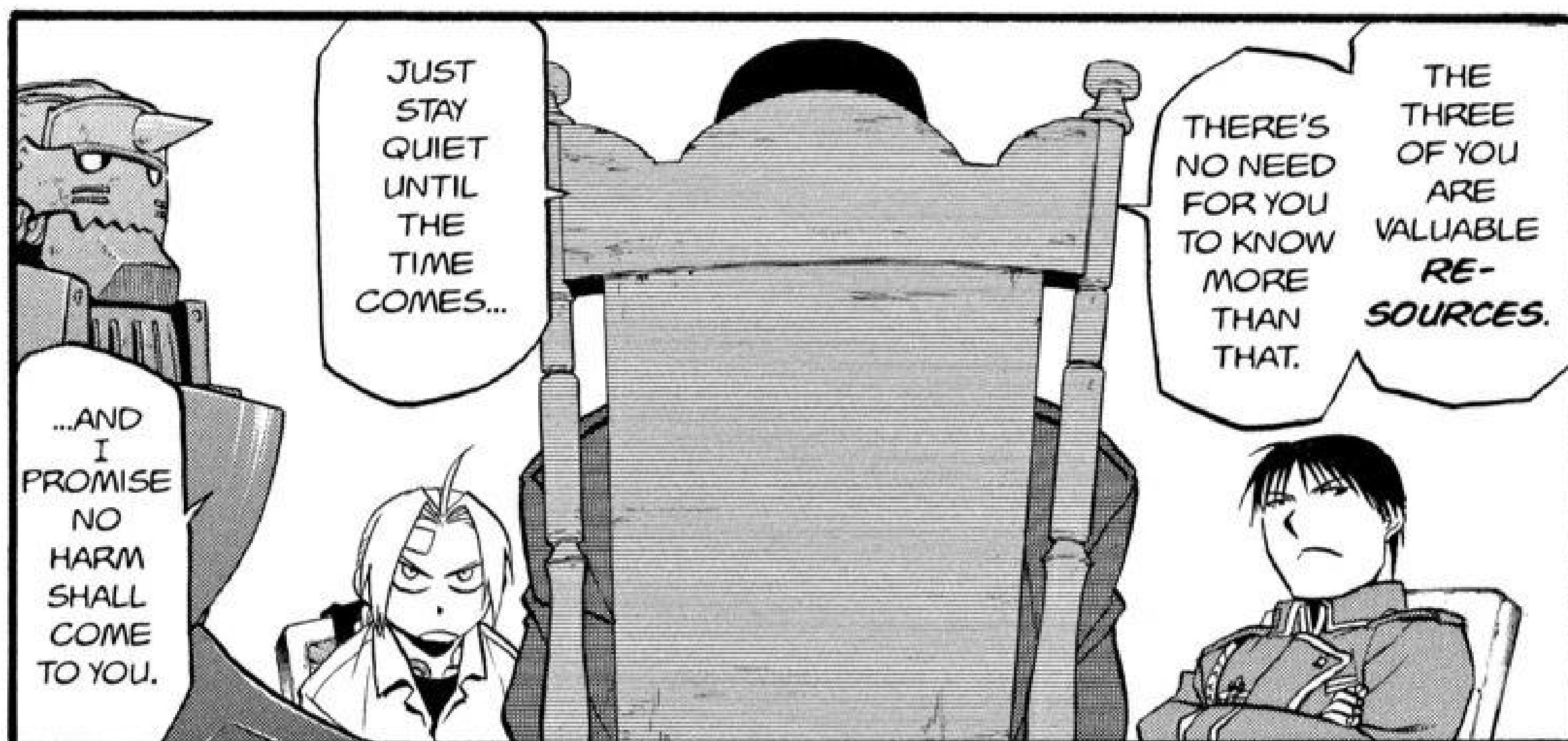
"...ASSUME
THAT THE
ENTIRE
MILITARY
IS THE
ENEMY."

"I WILL
NOT
ALLOW
YOU TO
SPEAK OF
THIS TO
ANYONE
OR STICK
YOUR
NECK IN
THIS
MATTER
ANY FUR-
THER".



AT THE
TIME I
HAD NO
IDEA YOU
WERE
WORKING
FOR THE
OTHER
SIDE.

YOU
HAD ME
COM-
PLETELY
FOOLED.





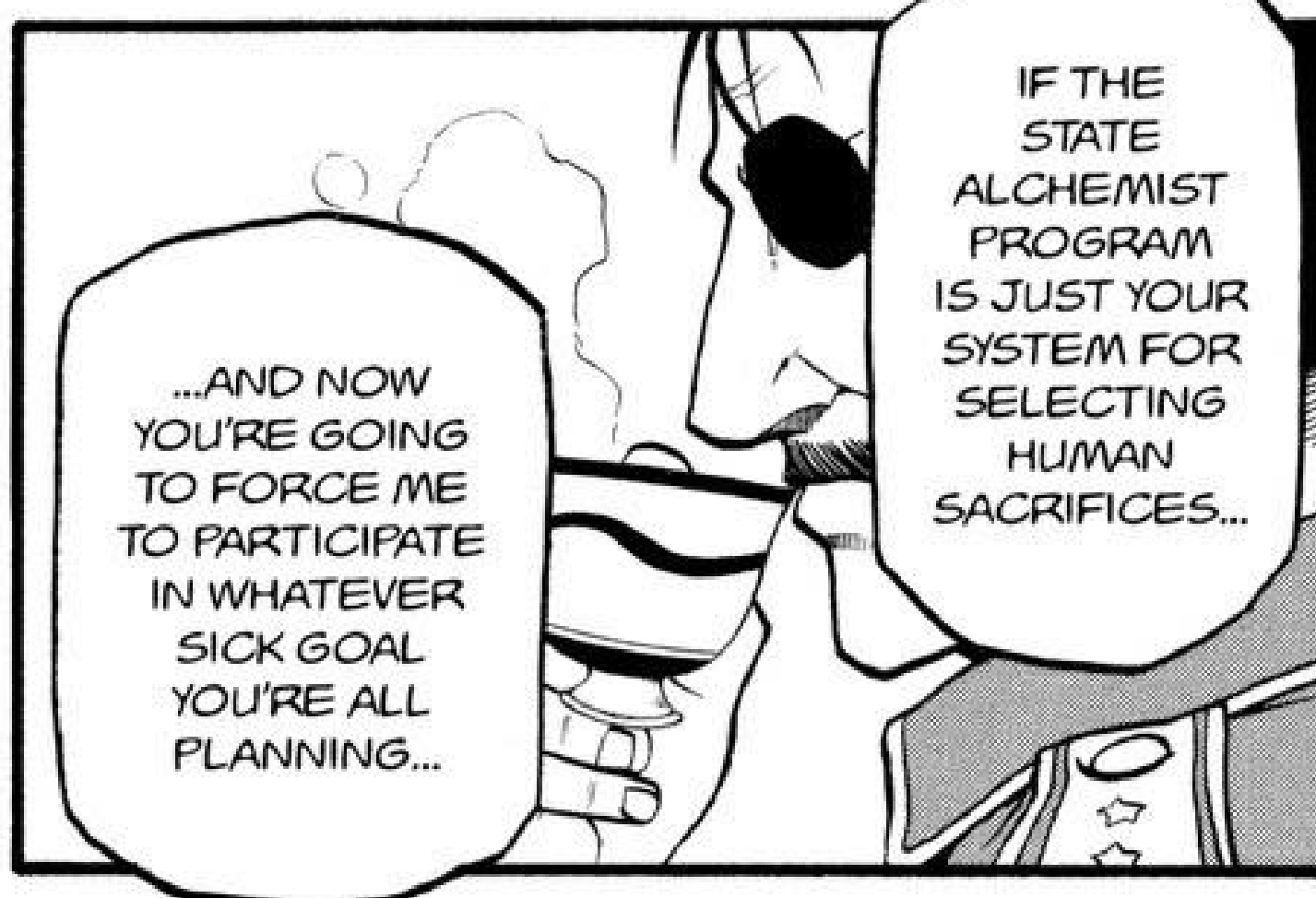
I SIGNED UP TO
BE THE MILITARY'S
DOG BECAUSE IT
WAS THE ONLY WAY
A KID LIKE ME COULD
GET ACCESS TO THE
BEST RESOURCES IN
ALCHEMY STUDIES!



WELL...

...BECAUSE
I THOUGHT IT
WOULD HELP
US GET OUR
REAL BODIES
BACK.

I SUFFERED
THE **SHAME**
OF USING
ALCHEMY FOR
MILITARY ENDS
WHEN IT'S
SUPPOSED TO
BE USED TO
BENEFIT
SOCIETY...



...AND NOW
YOU'RE GOING
TO FORCE ME
TO PARTICIPATE
IN WHATEVER
SICK GOAL
YOU'RE ALL
PLANNING...

IF THE
STATE
ALCHEMIST
PROGRAM
IS JUST YOUR
SYSTEM FOR
SELECTING
HUMAN
SACRIFICES...

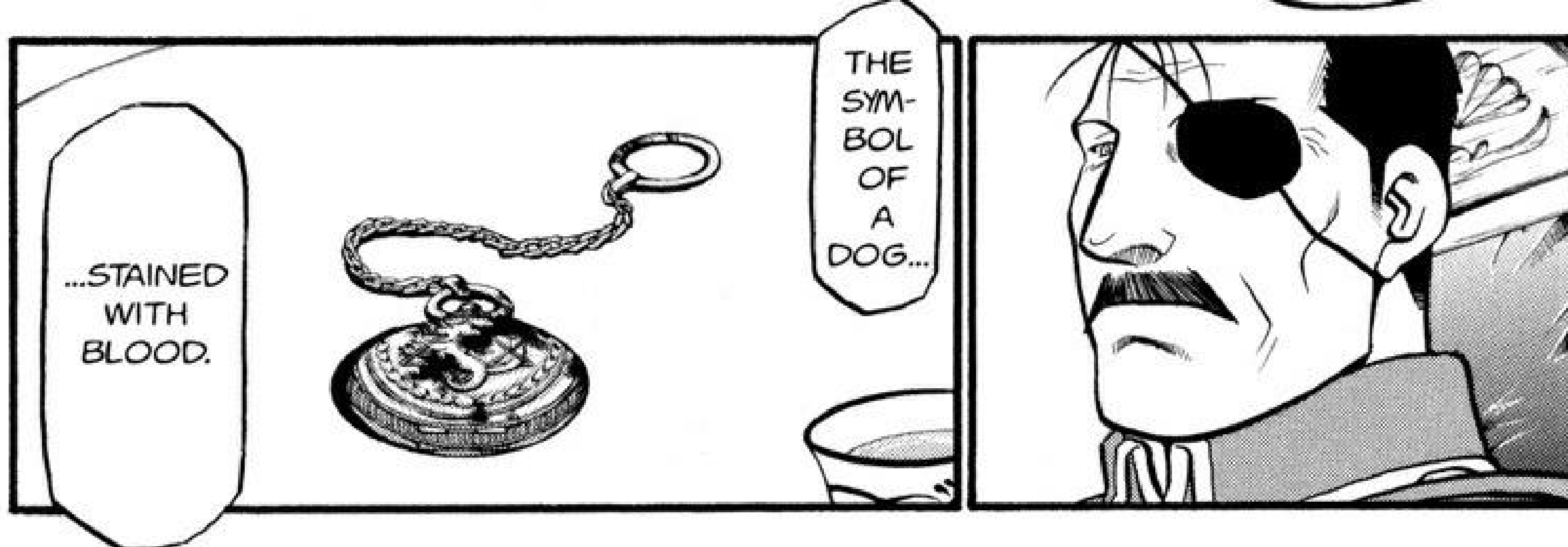
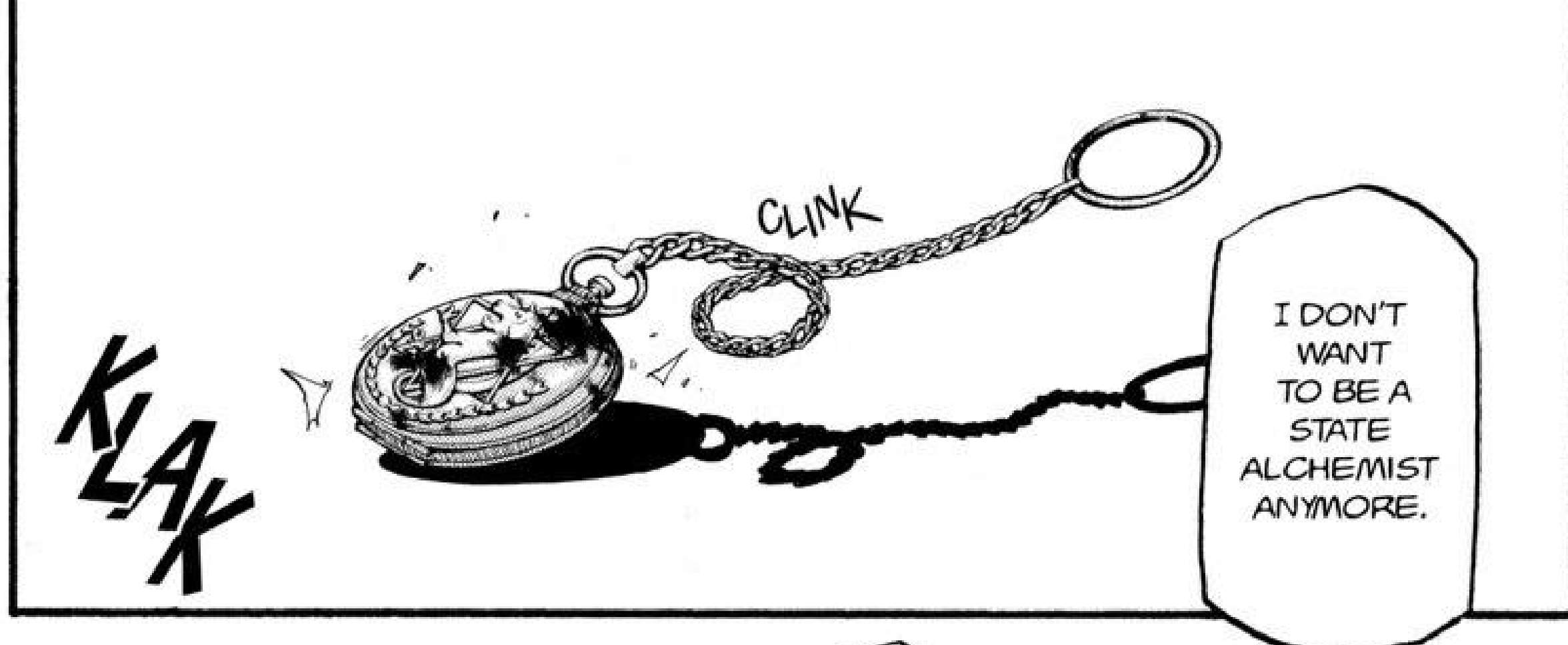


THEN
YOU
CAN
TAKE
THIS
BACK
!



I'M
CASTING
ASIDE...

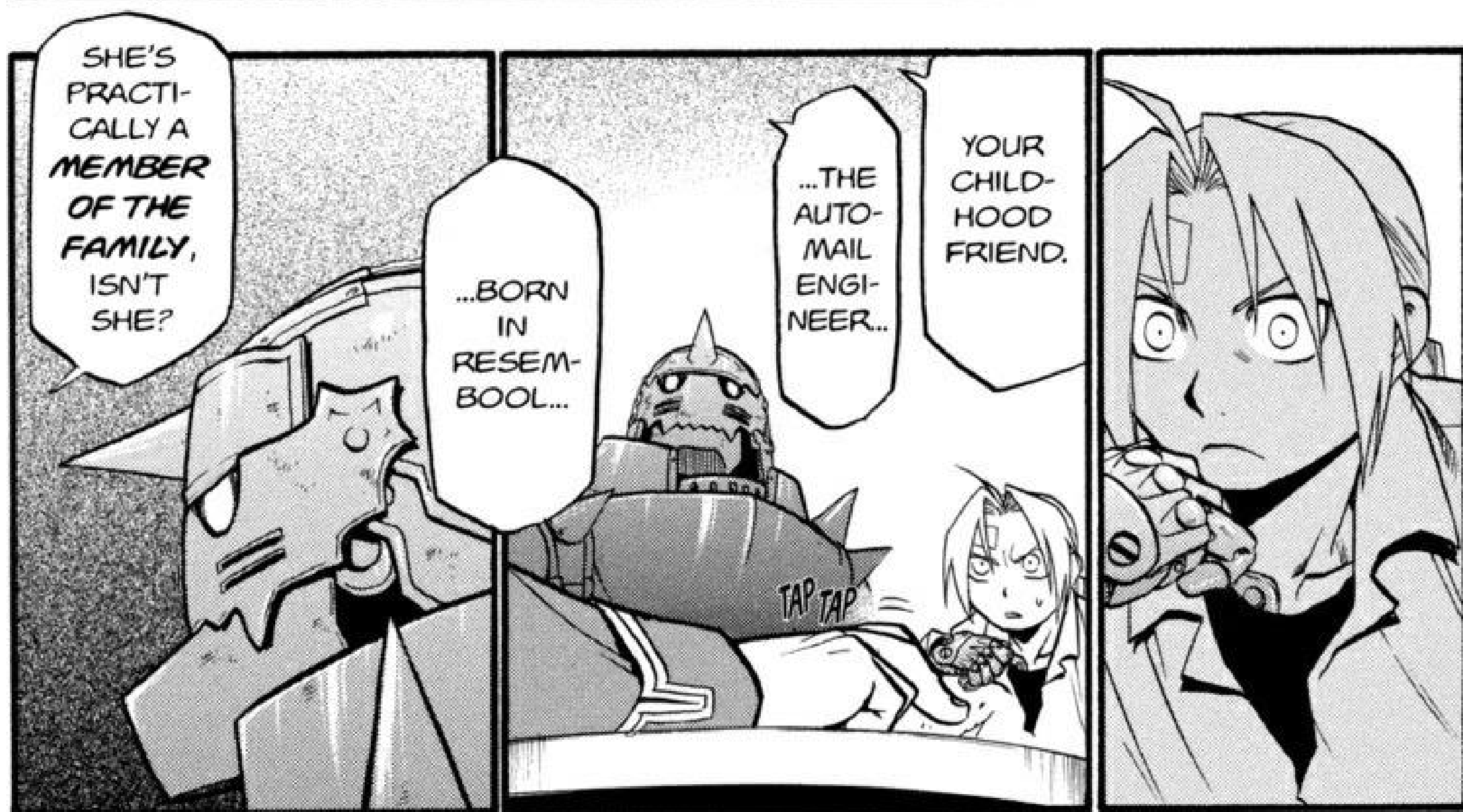
...THIS
ALIAS.





I
THINK
IT WAS
WINRY
ROCK-
BELL.

OH,
YES.



SHE'S
PRACTI-
CALLY A
MEMBER
OF THE
FAMILY,
ISN'T
SHE?

...BORN
IN RESE-
BOOL...

...THE
AUTO-
MAIL
ENGI-
NEER...

YOUR
CHILD-
HOOD
FRIEND.

TAP TAP

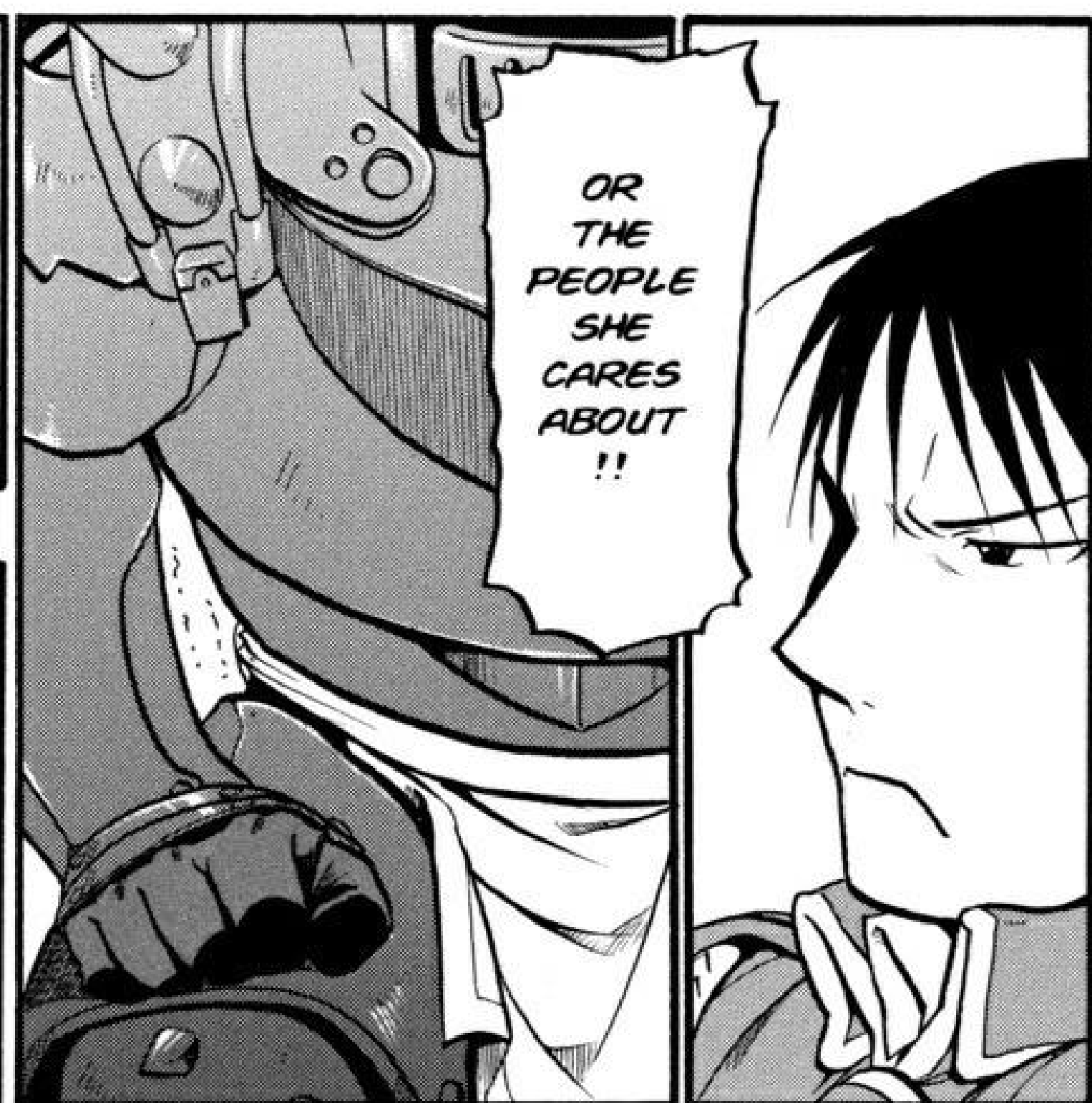


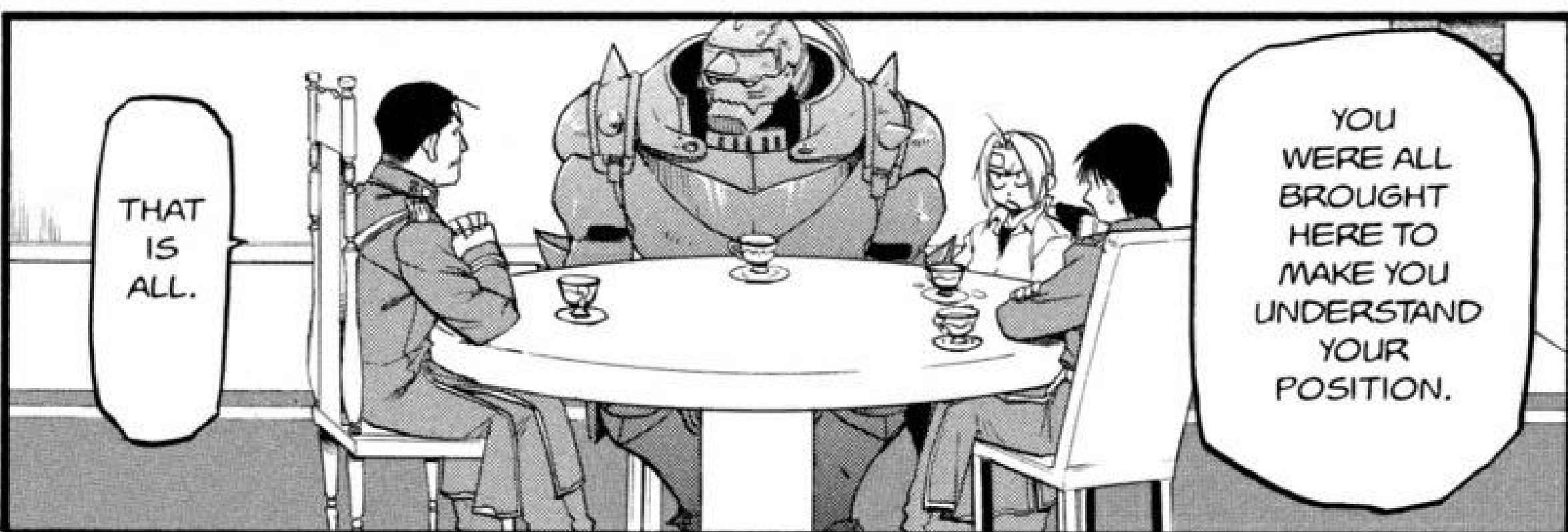
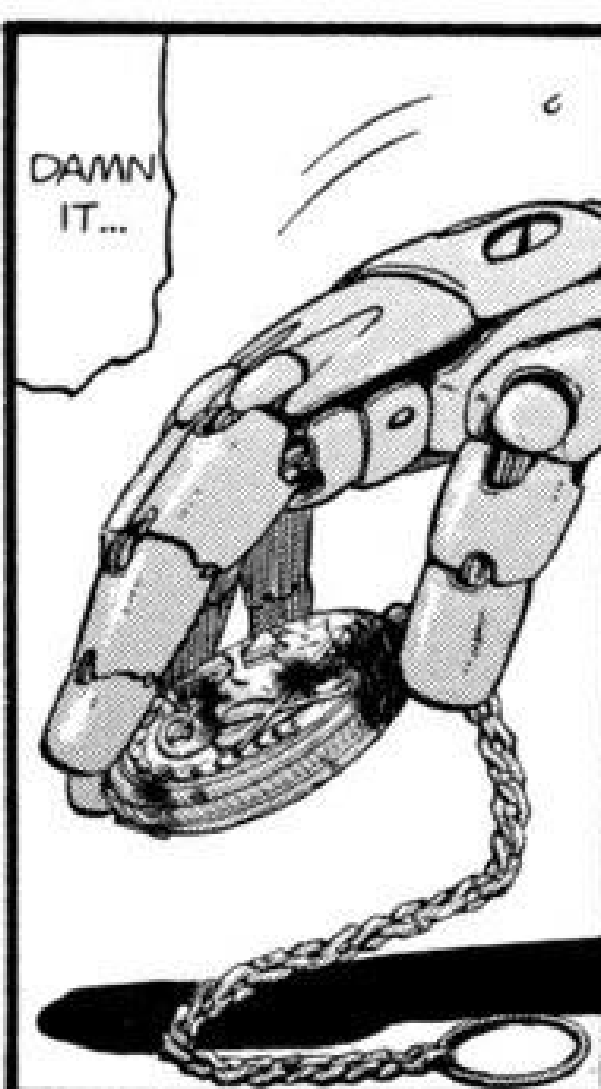
SUCH A
SWEET,
GENTLE
GIRL...

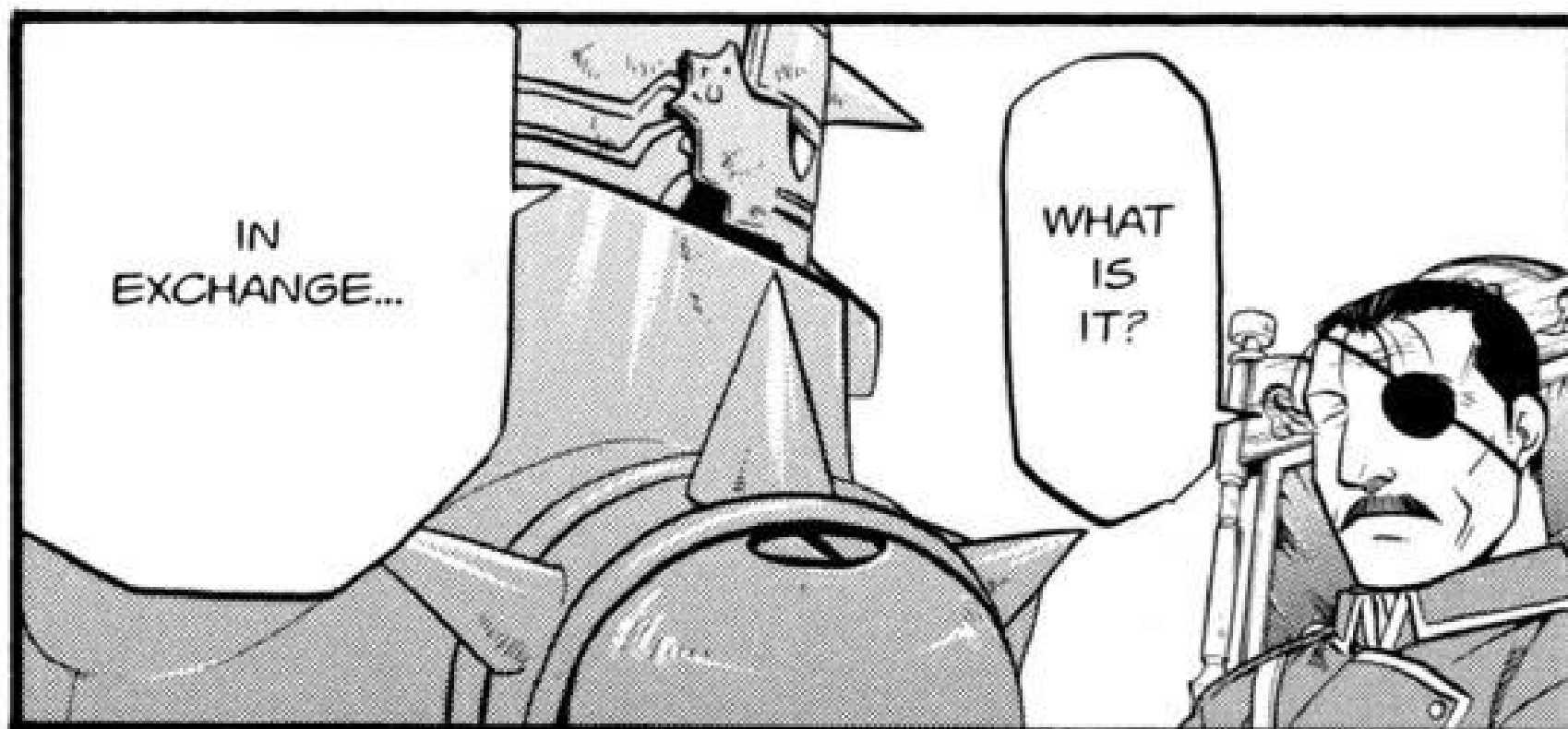


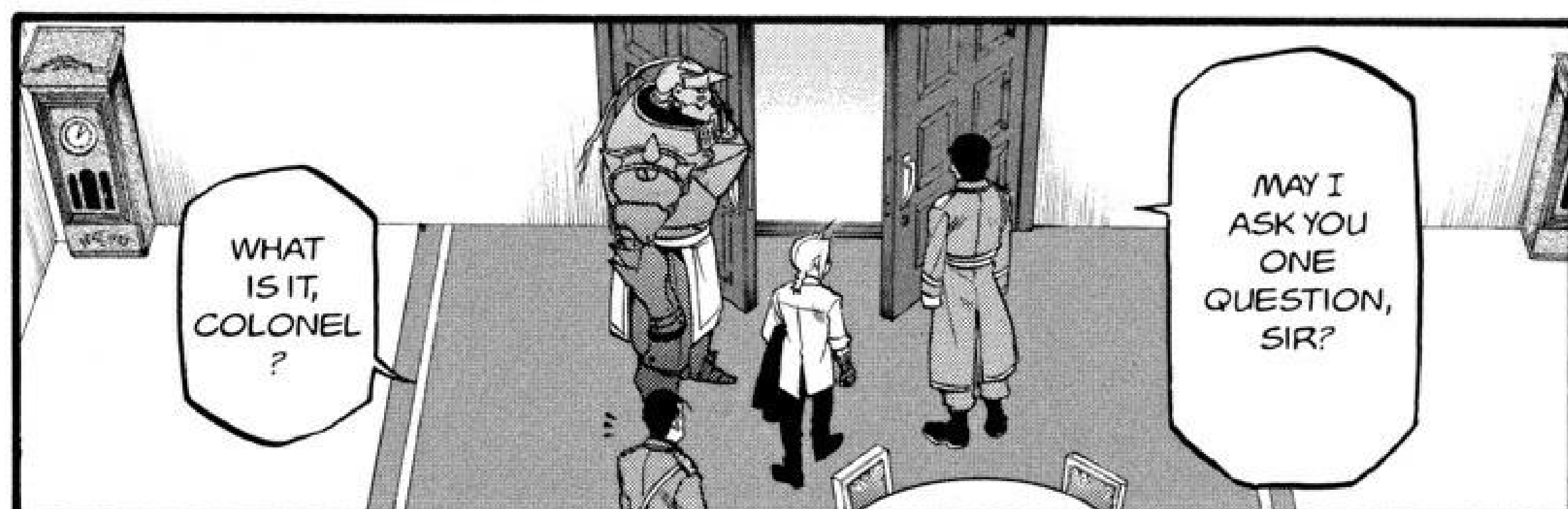
..AND IS
BLESSED
WITH
FRIENDS
AND
REGULAR
CUSTO-
MERS.

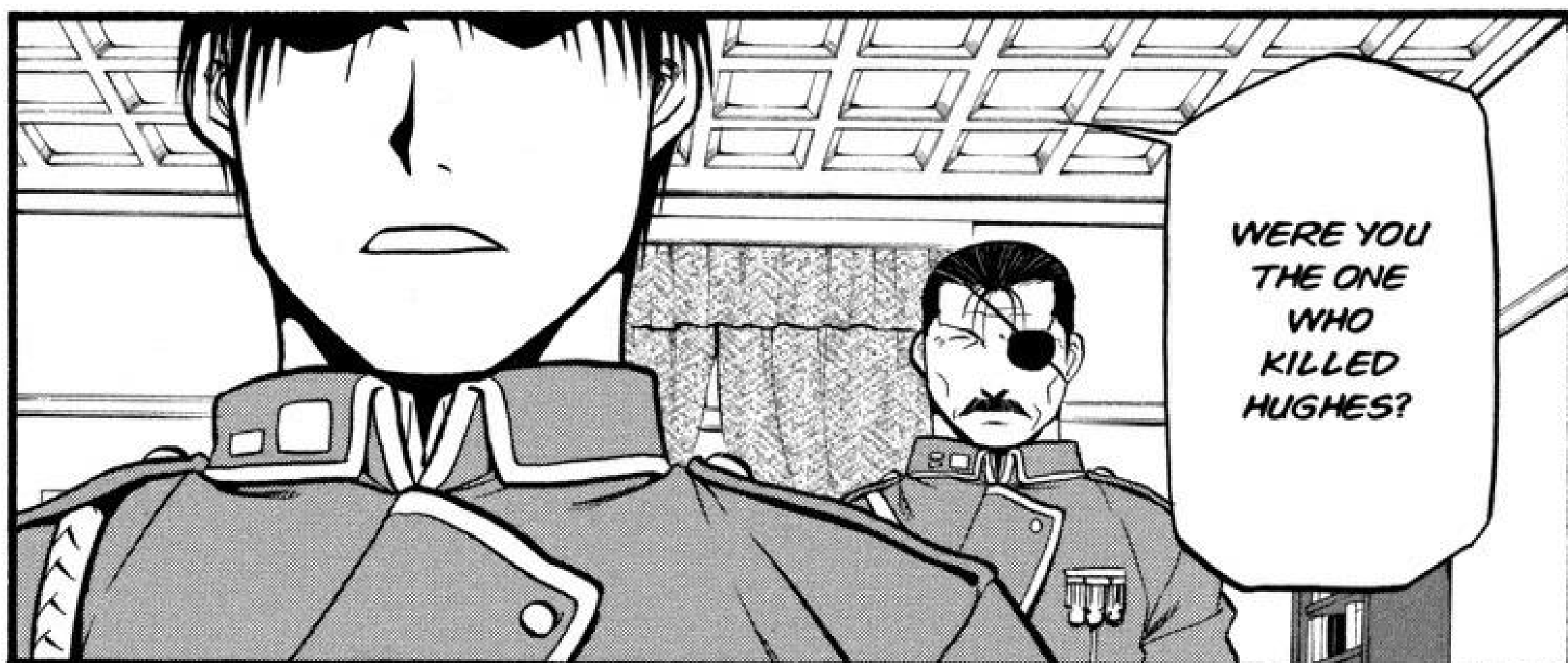
AT THE
MOMENT,
SHE
WORKS
IN RUSH
VALLEY...

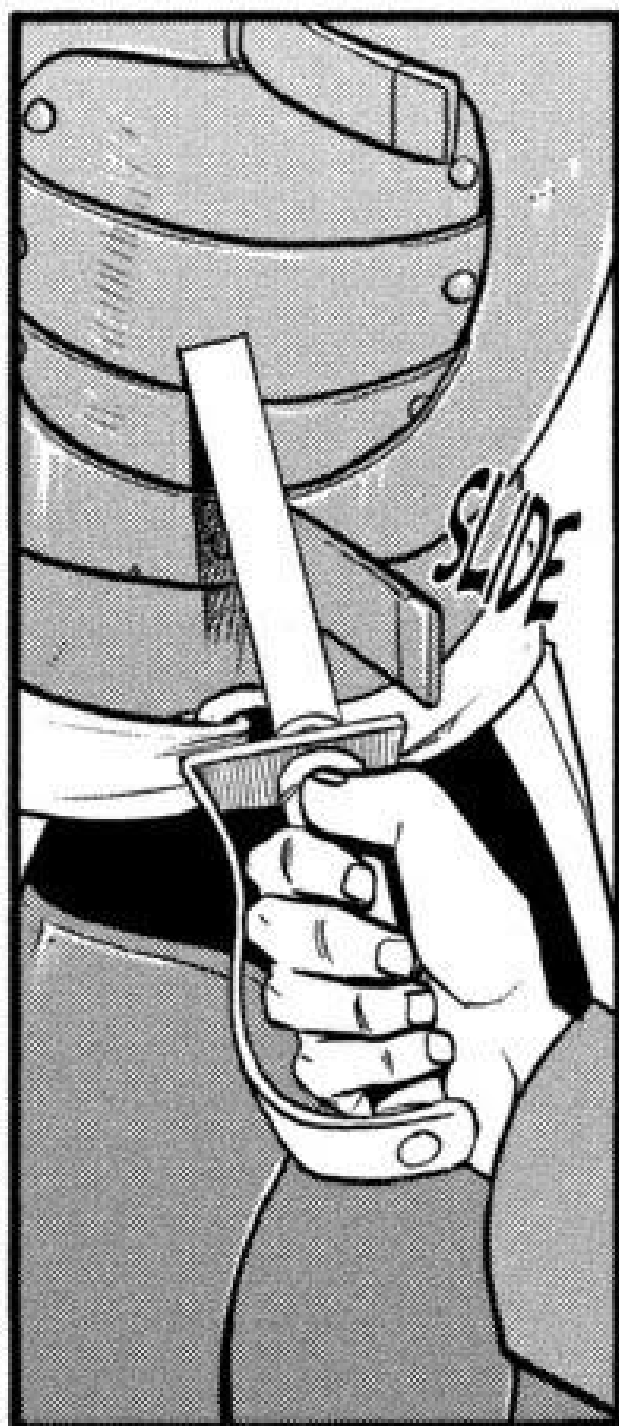


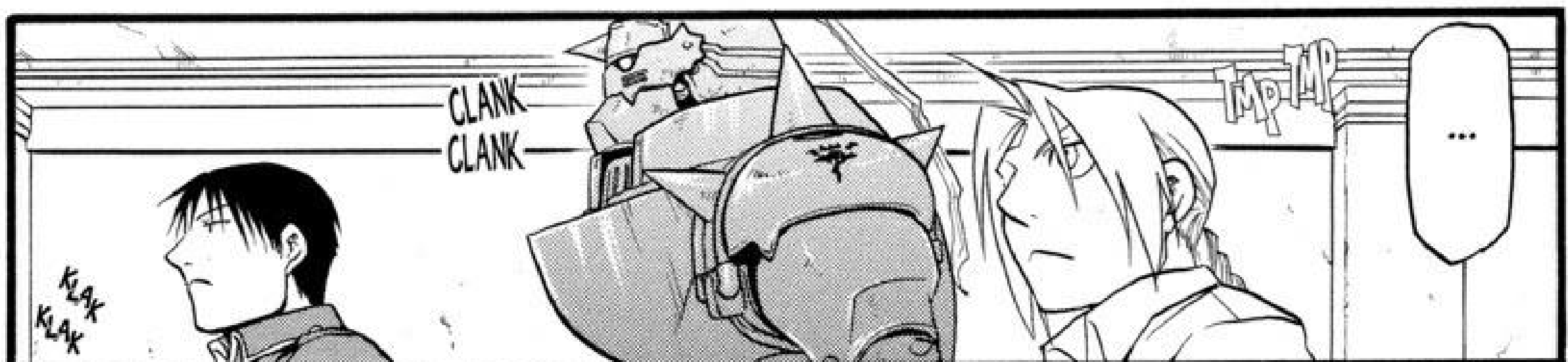
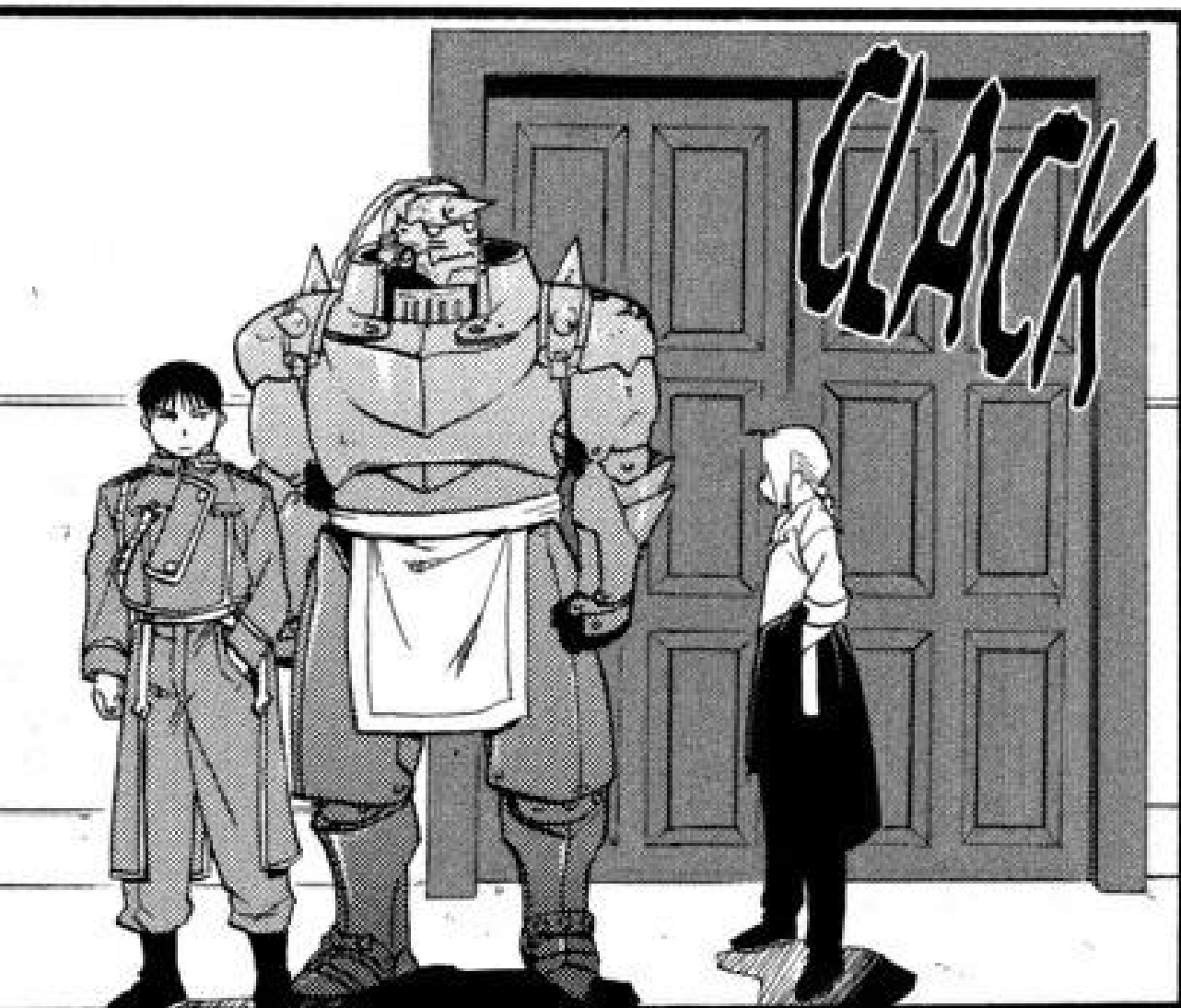
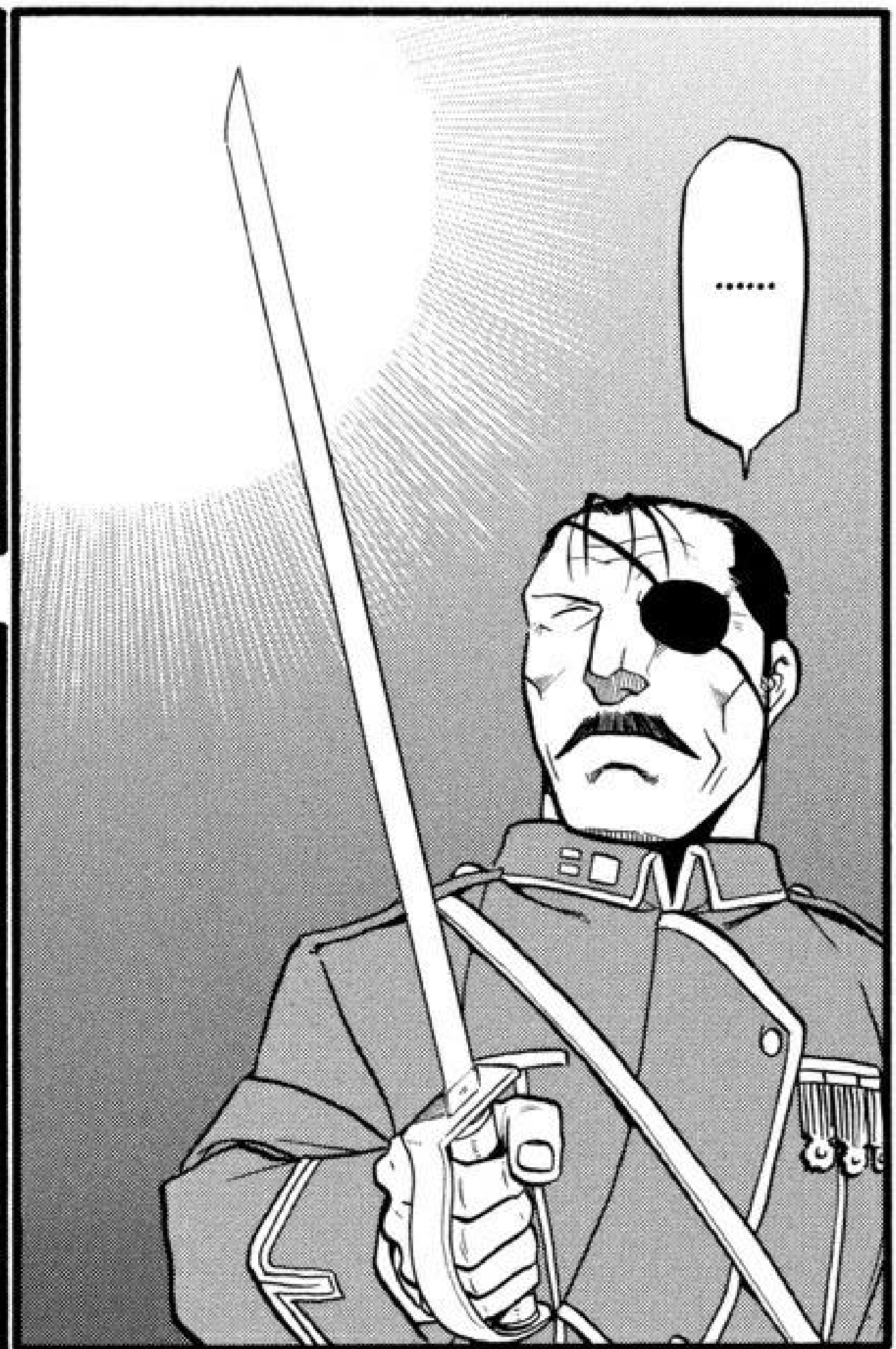
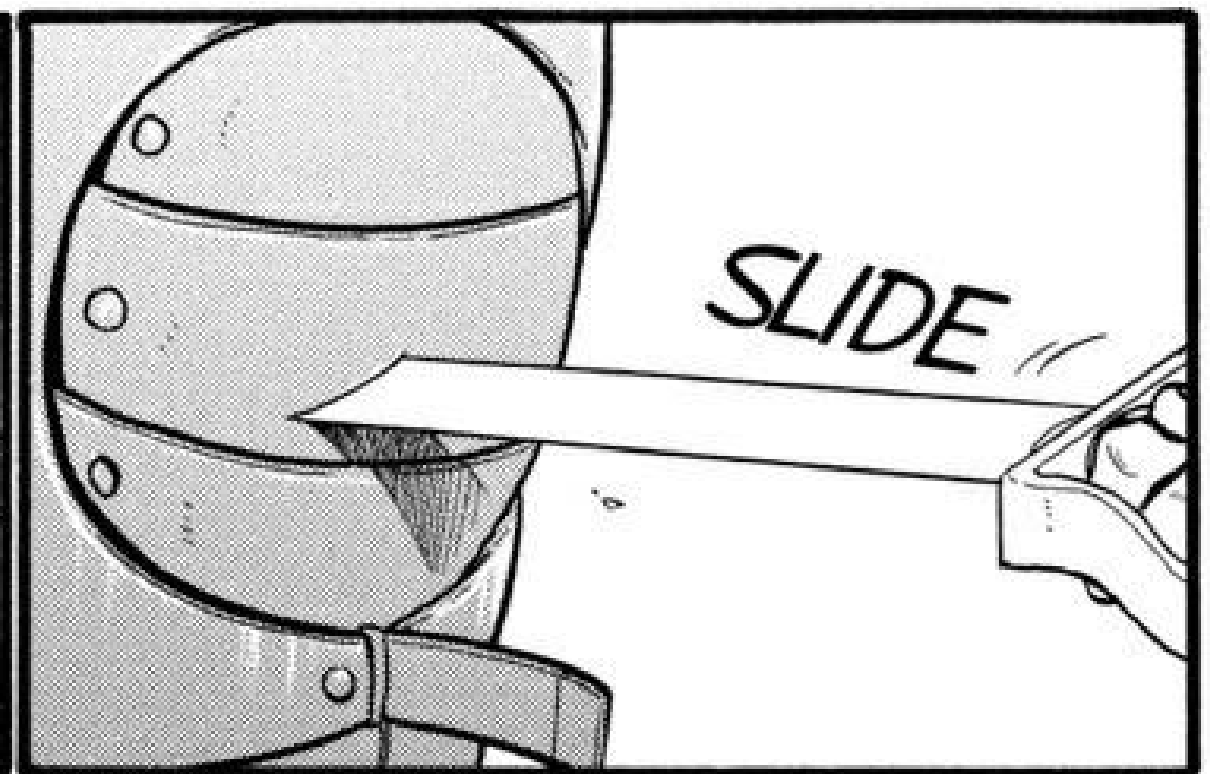




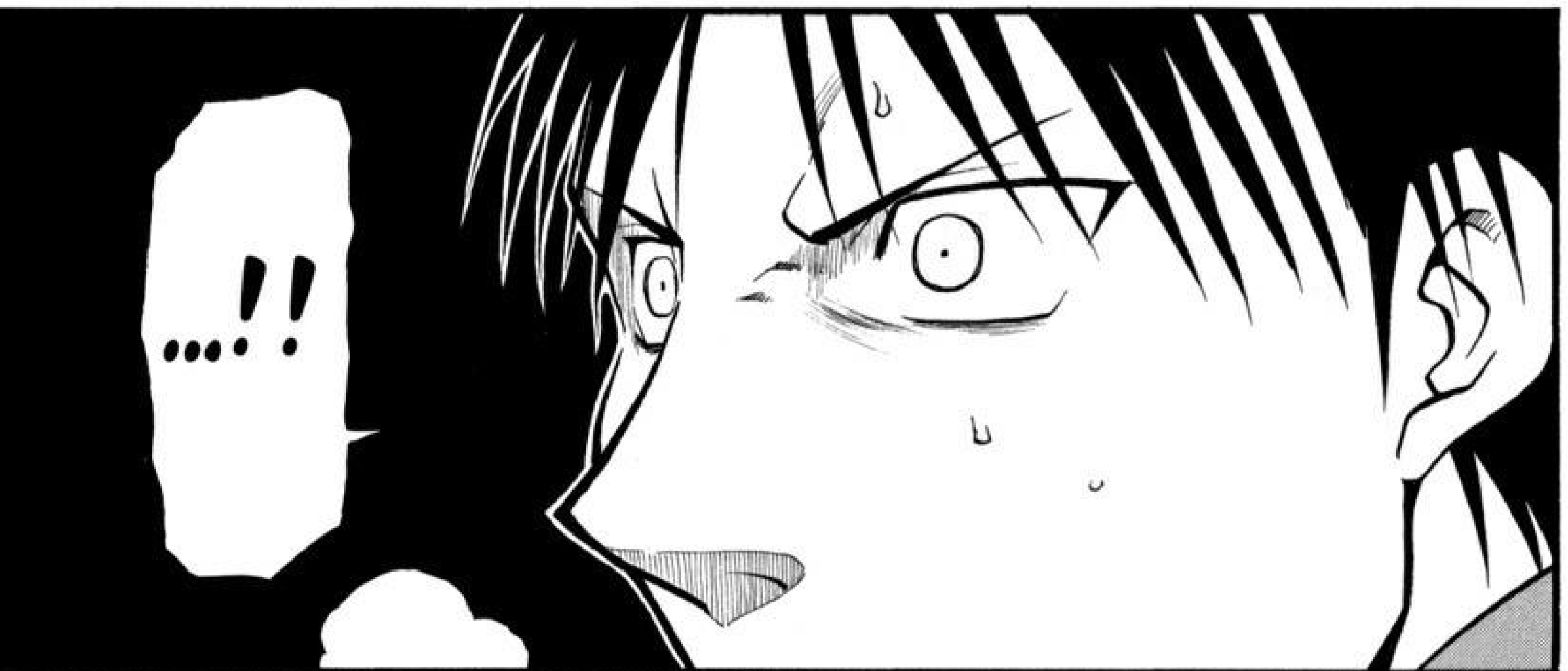
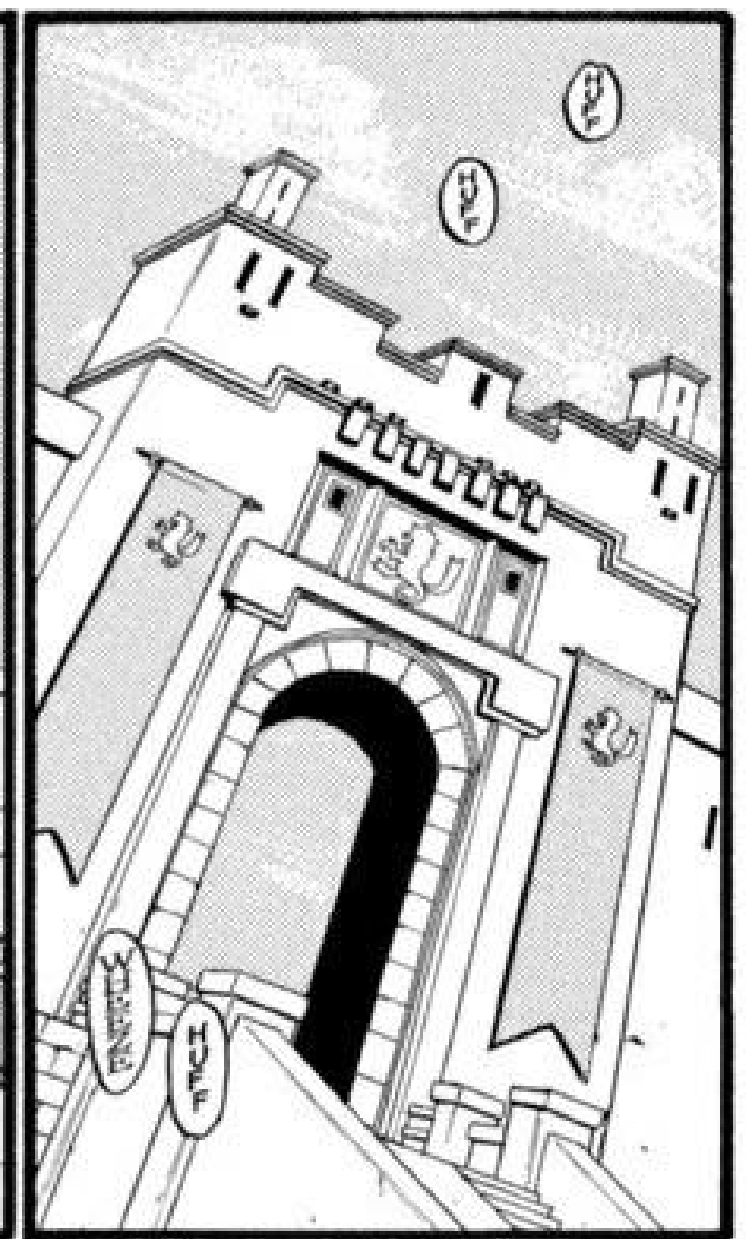


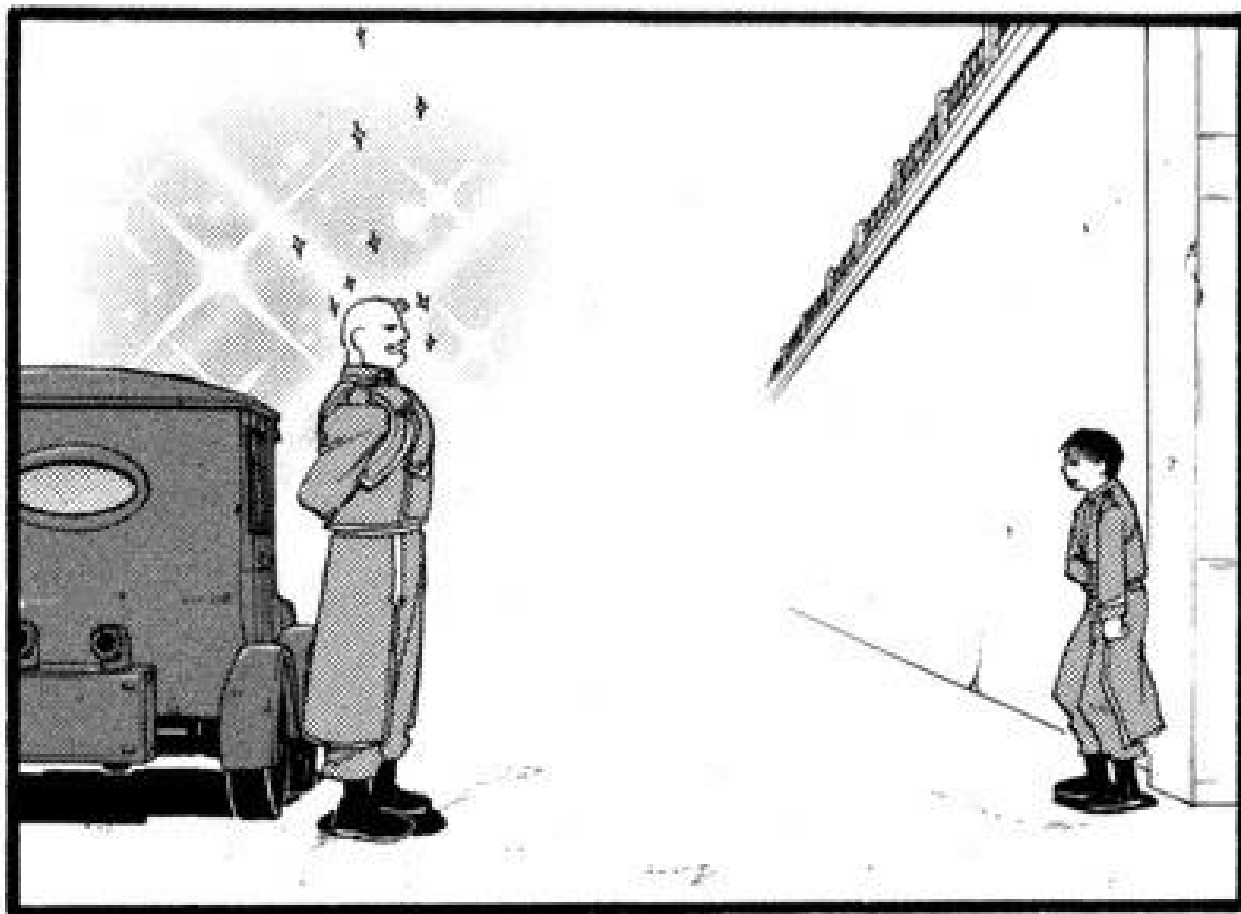


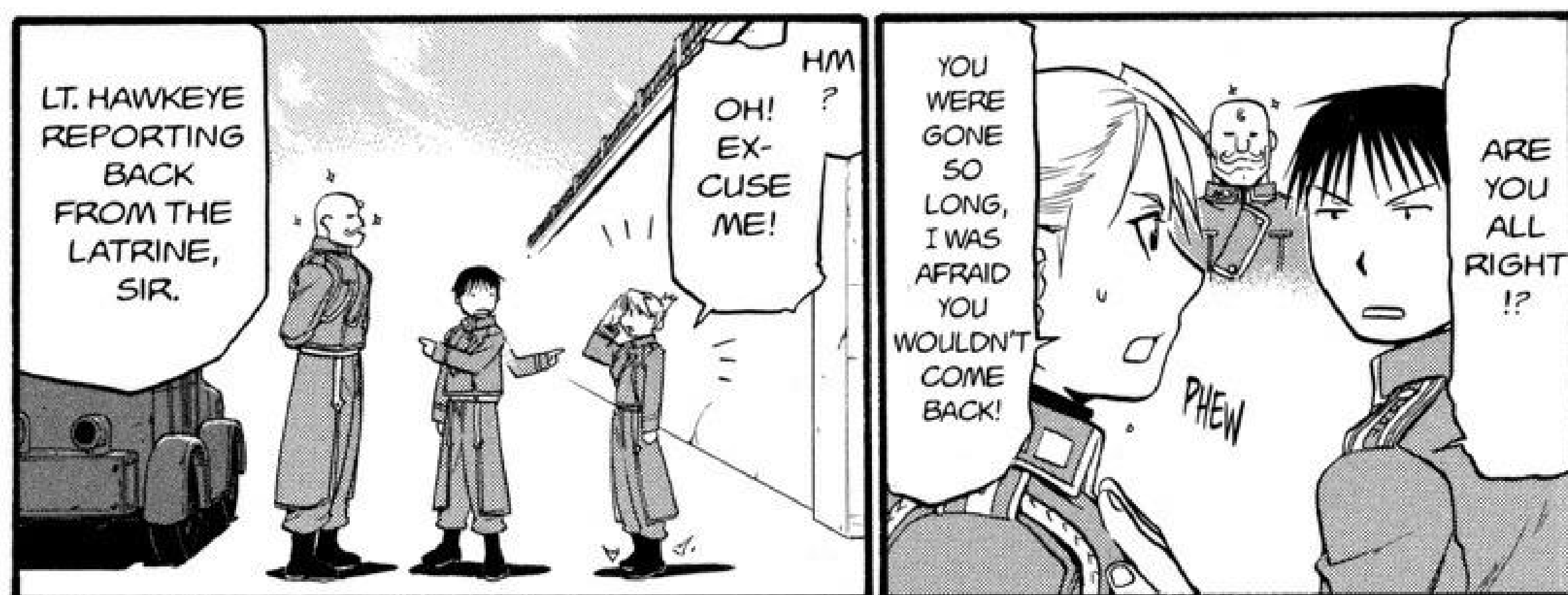
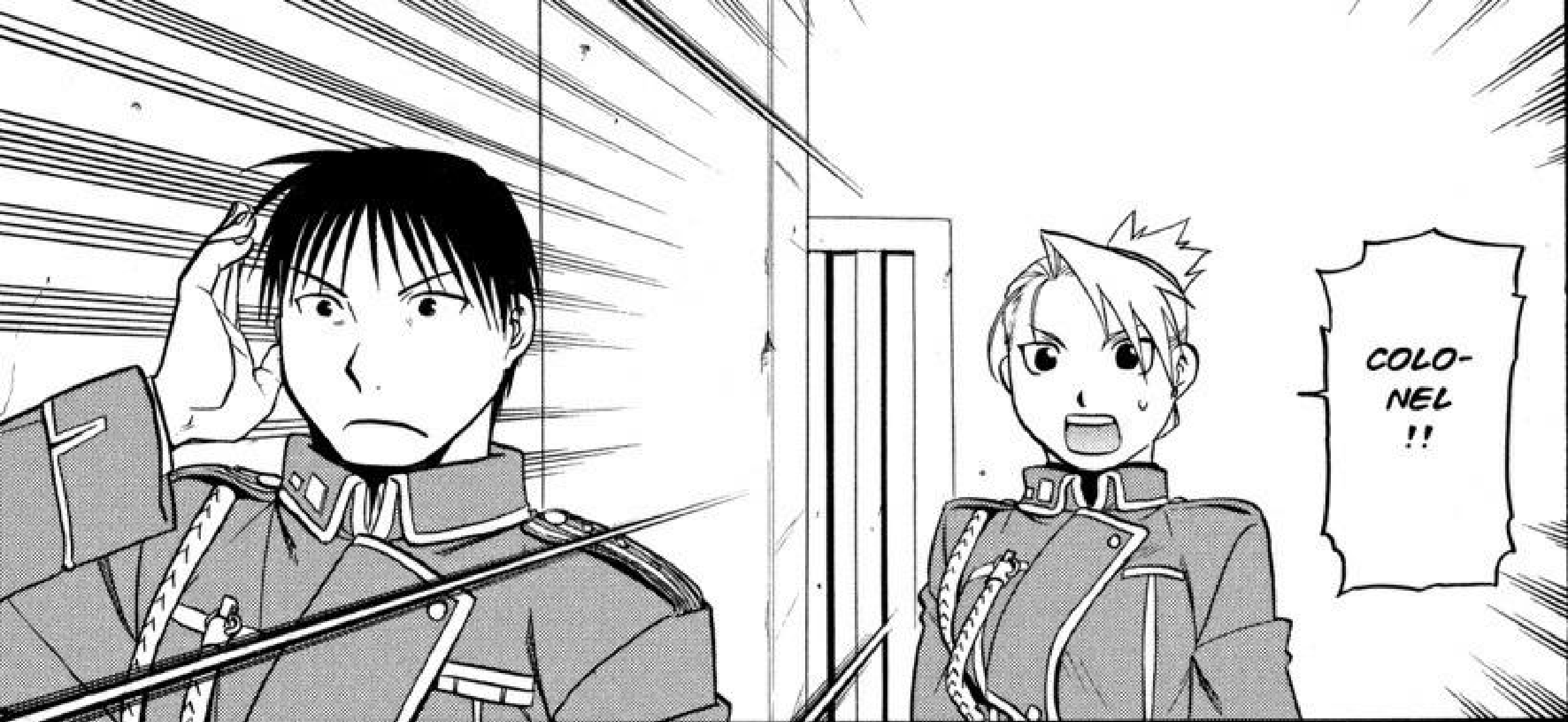


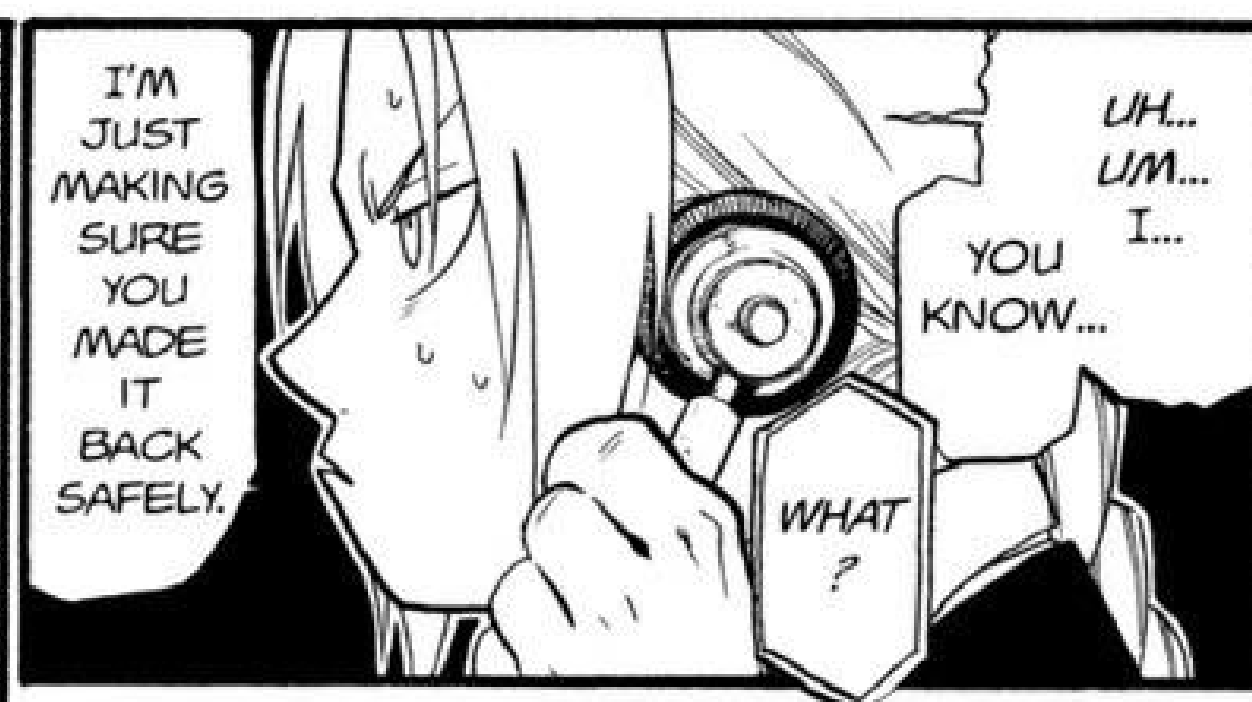


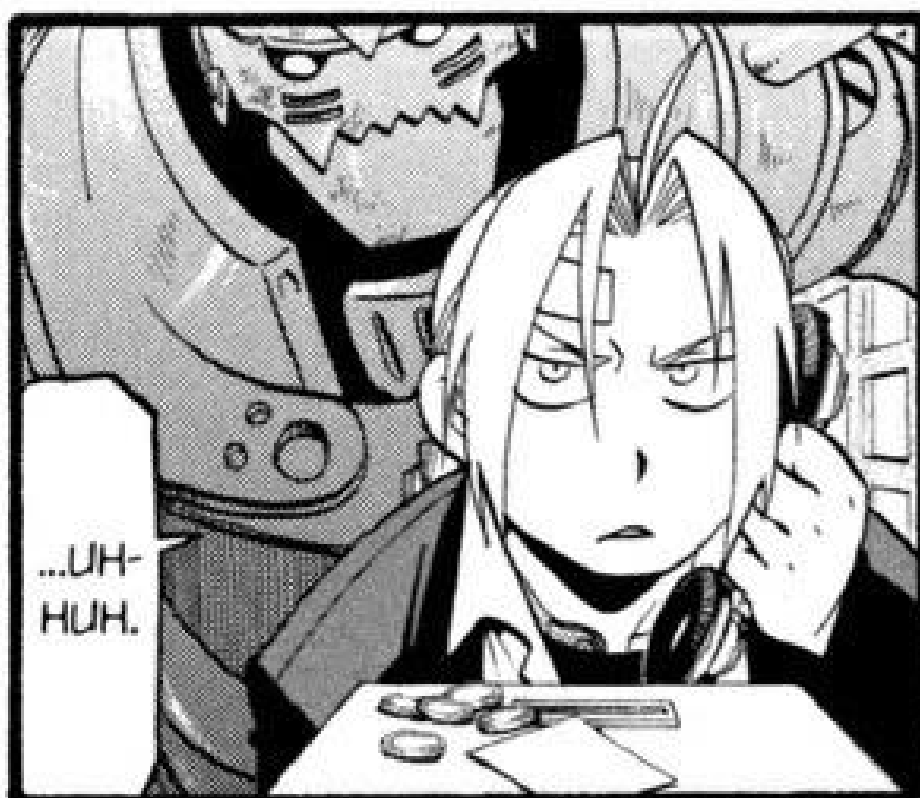
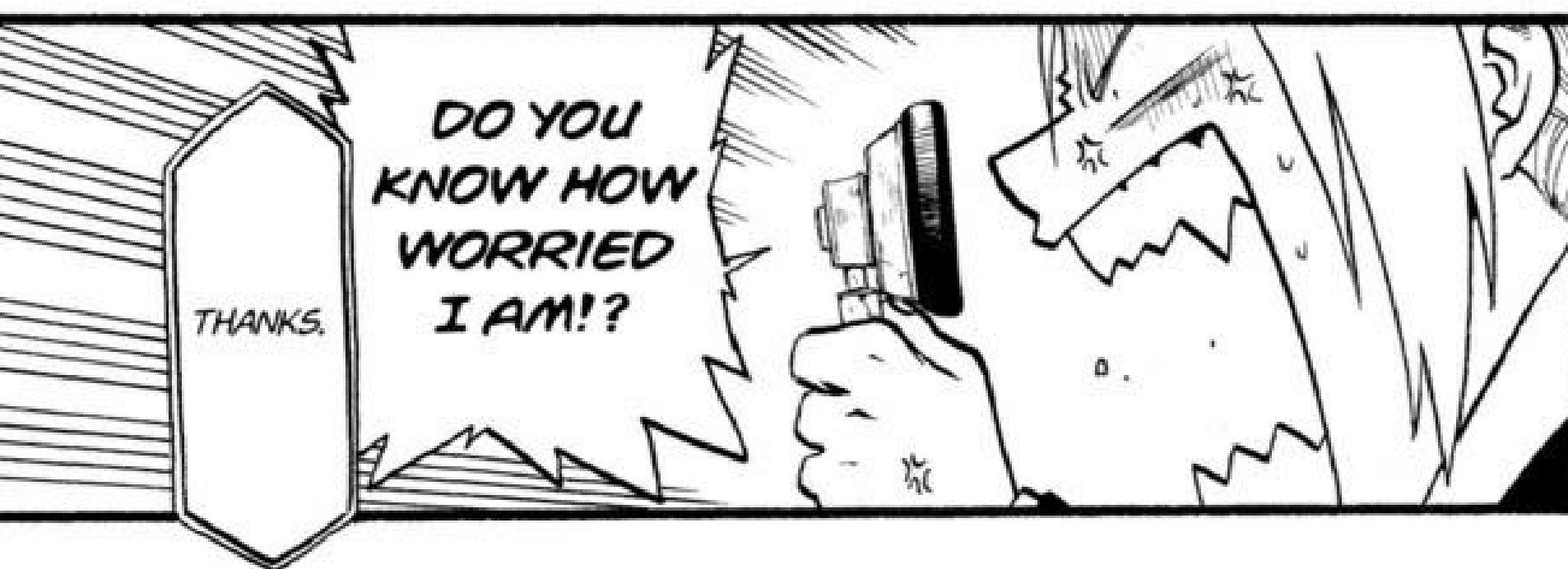






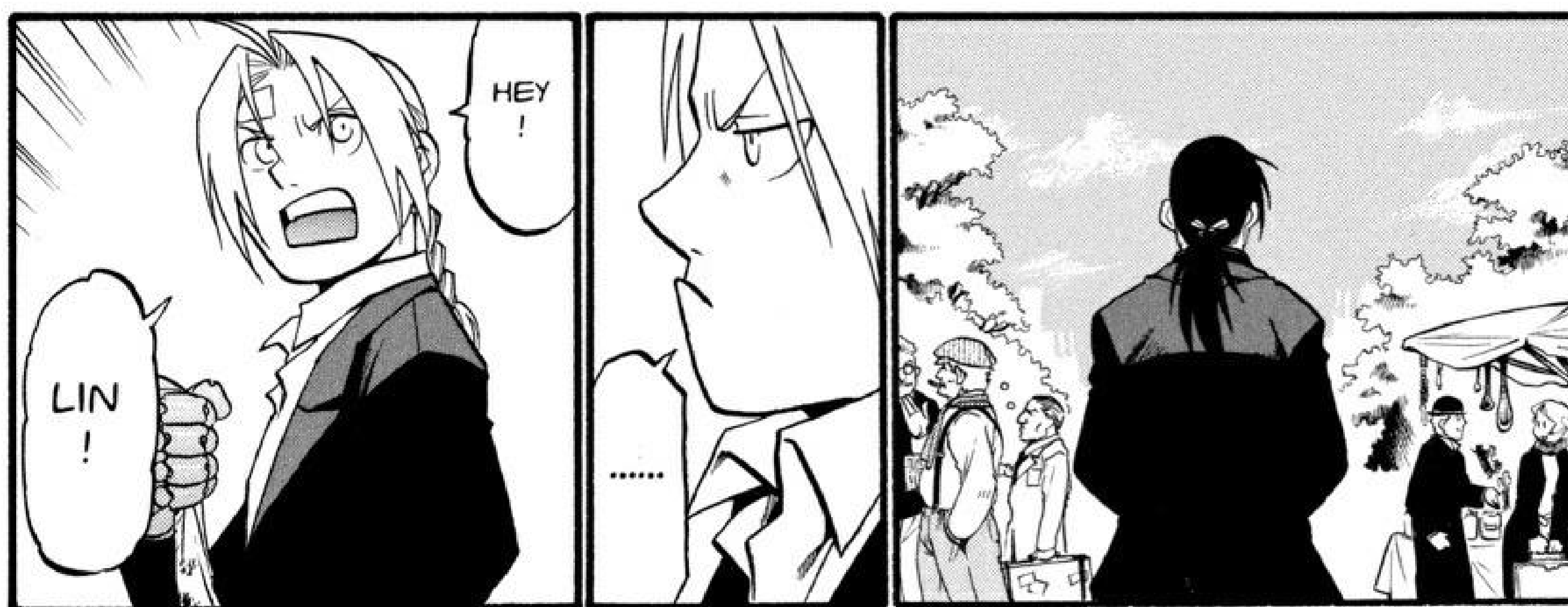
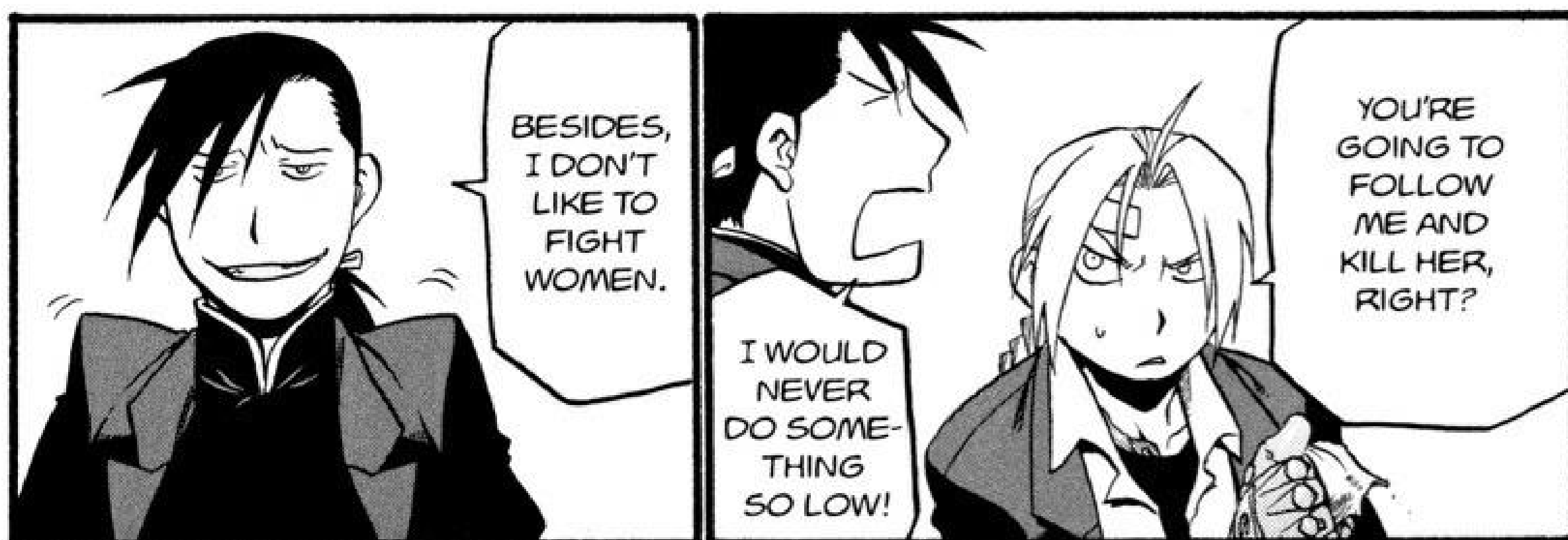


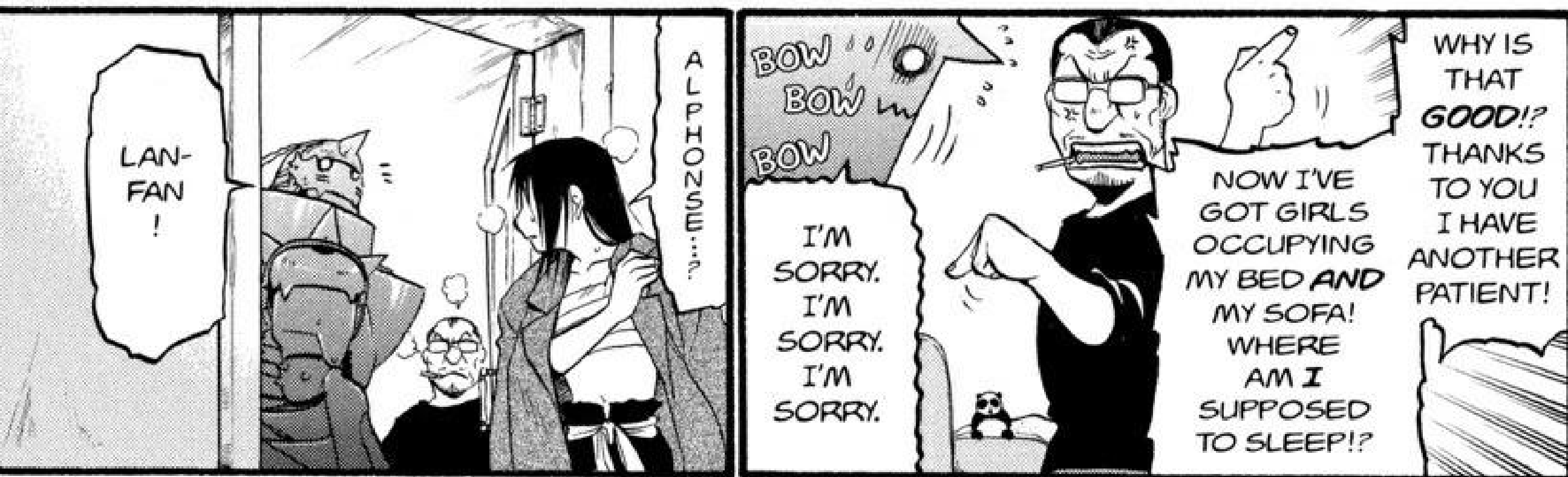
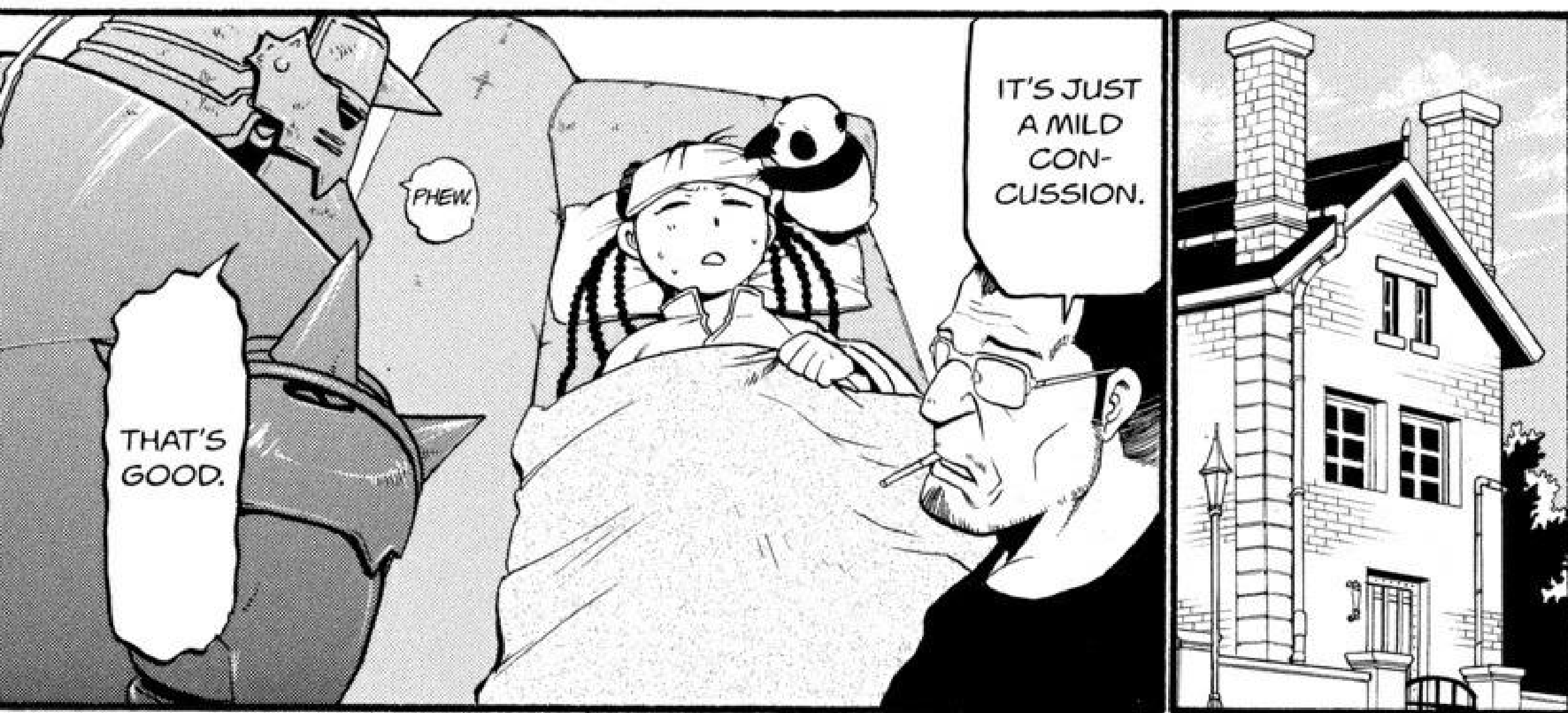
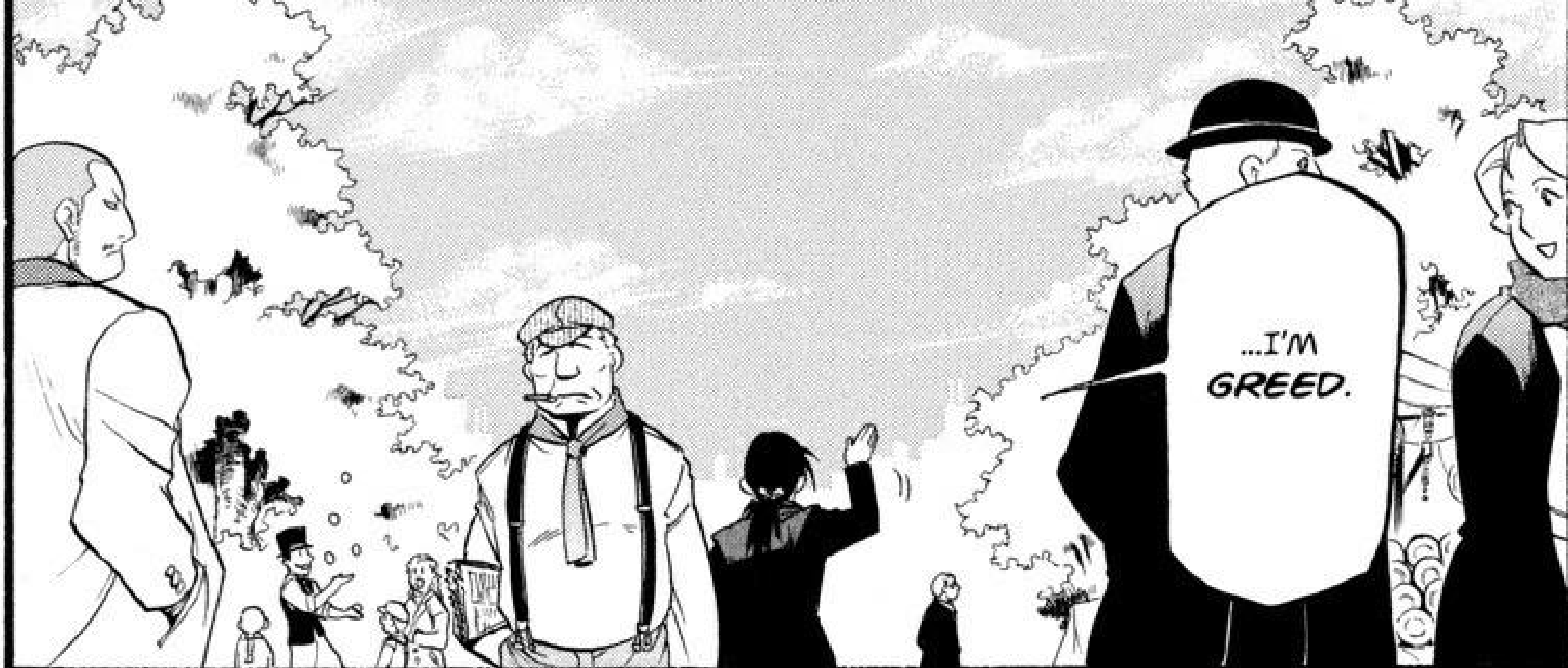




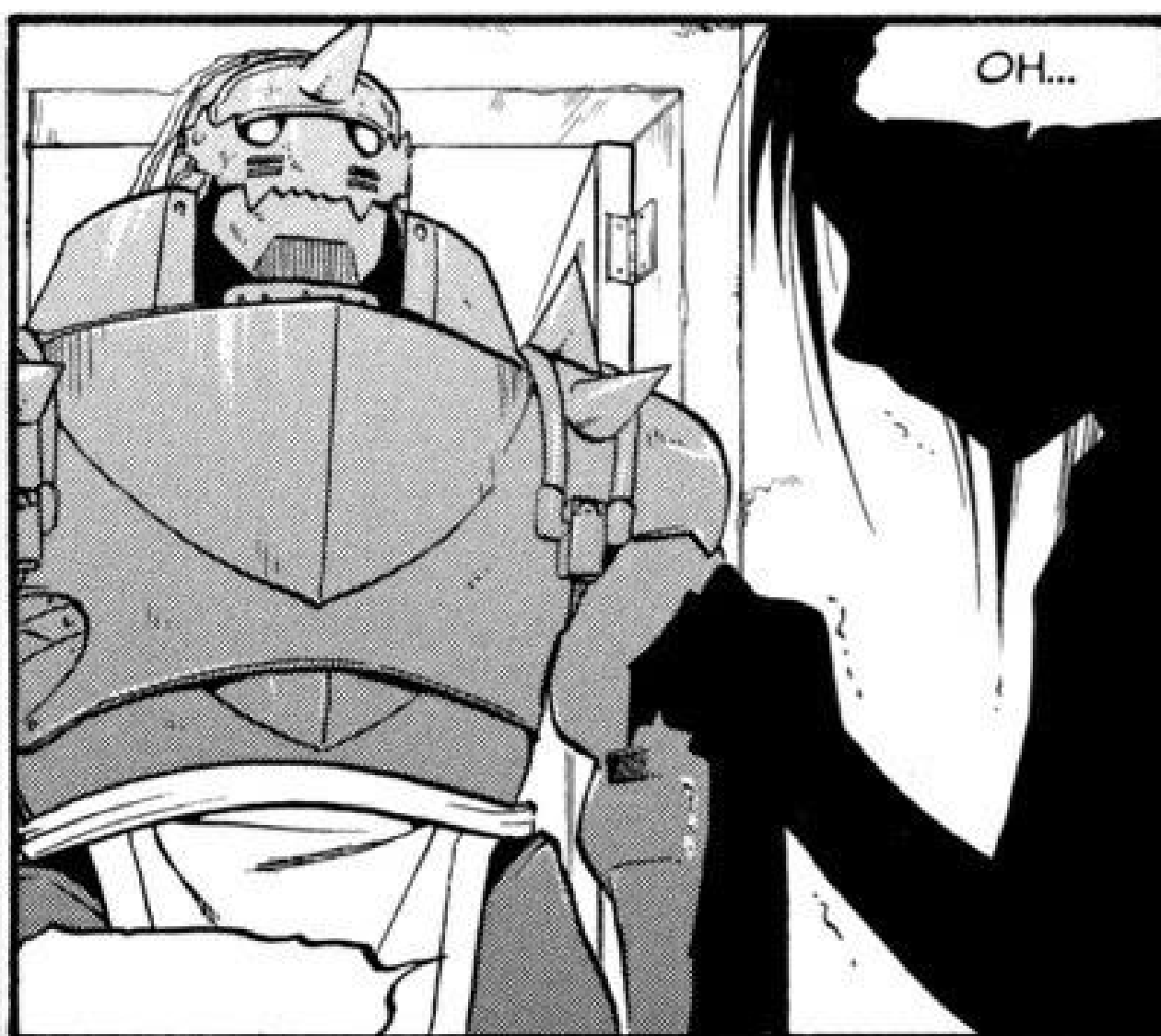


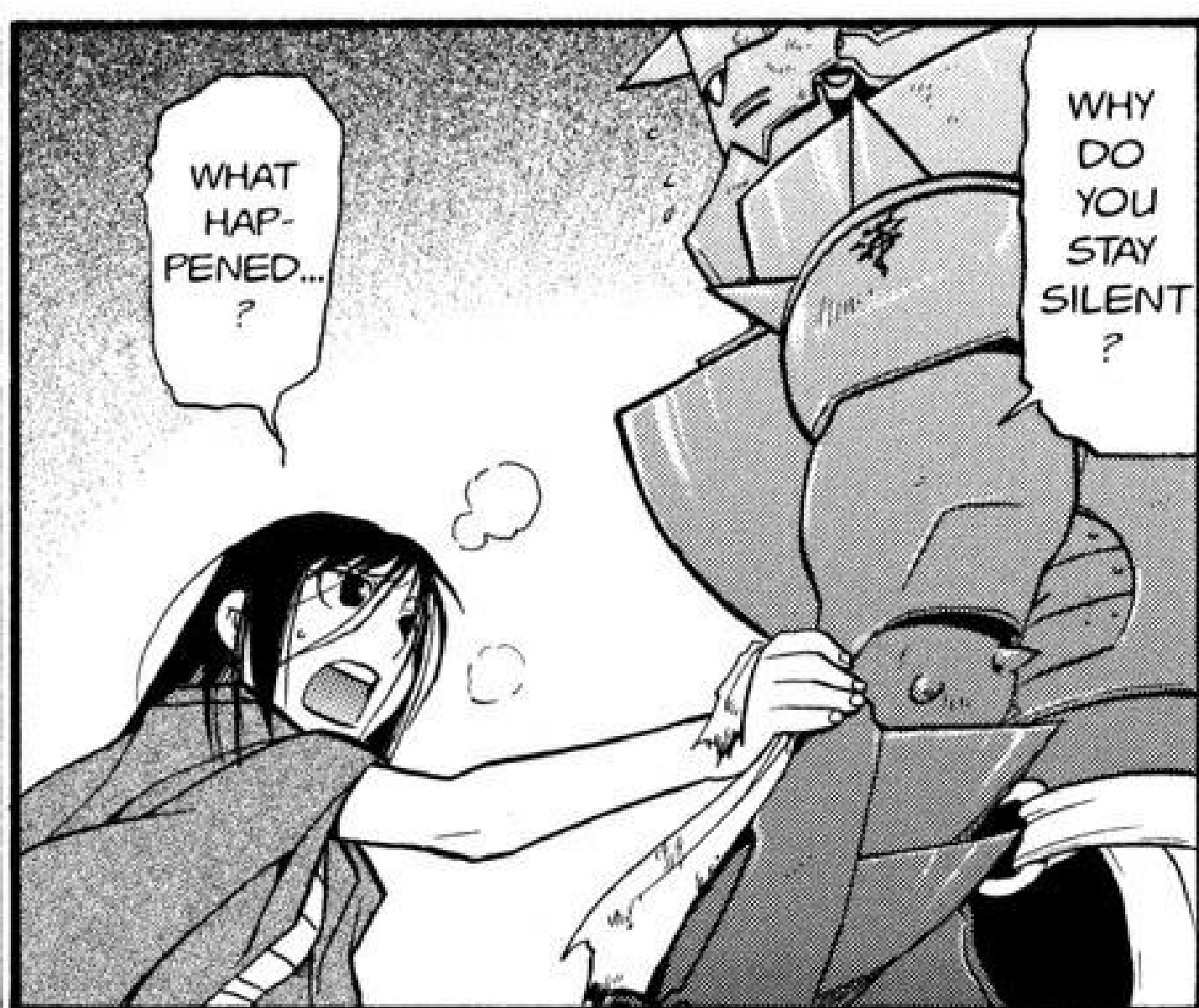
















HE GOT TOO AMBITIOUS AND LOST EVERYTHING.

THE FOOL...

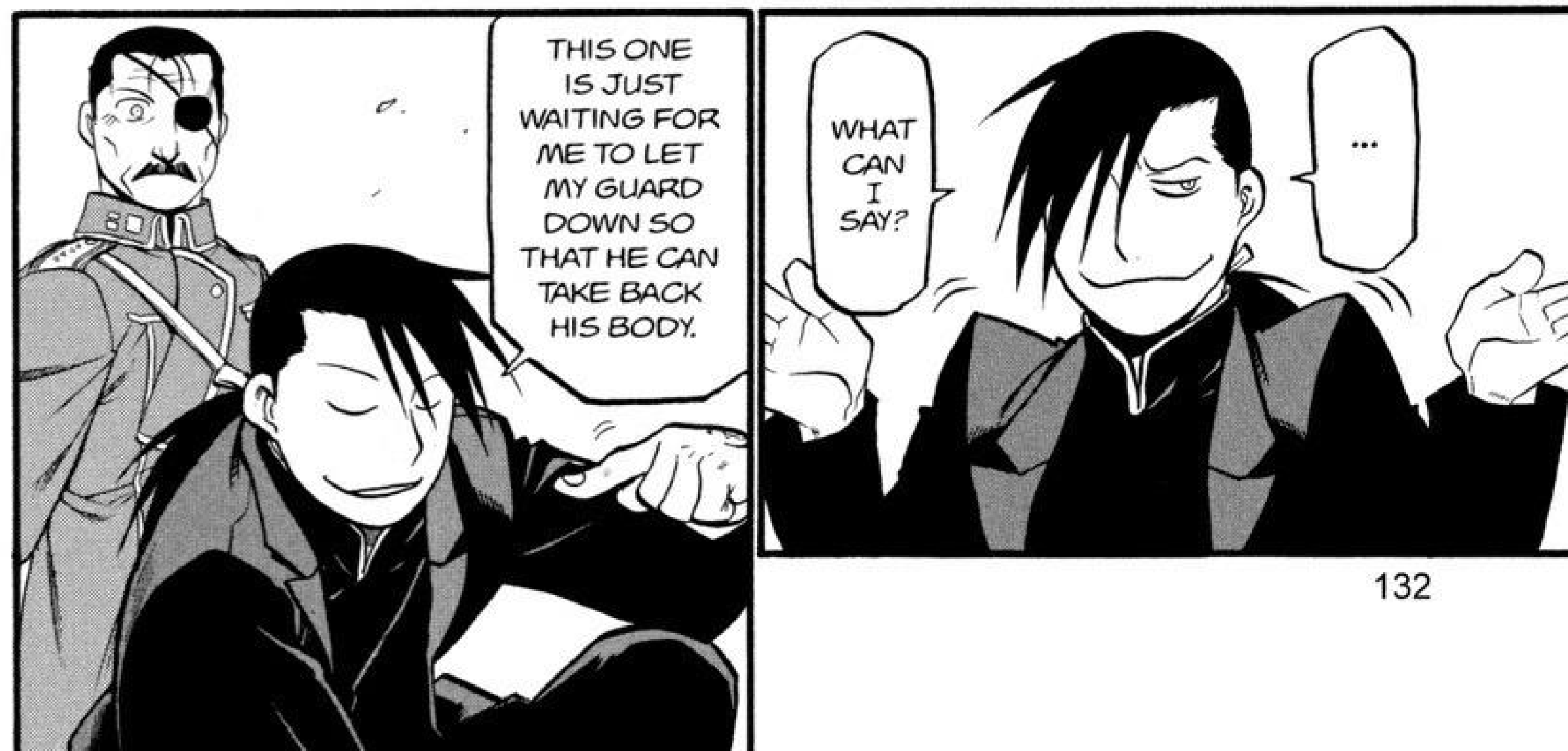
HE BOASTED THAT HE ALONE COULD PROTECT HIS COUNTRY AND PEOPLE.



DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HUMAN BEINGS.

SILENCE!

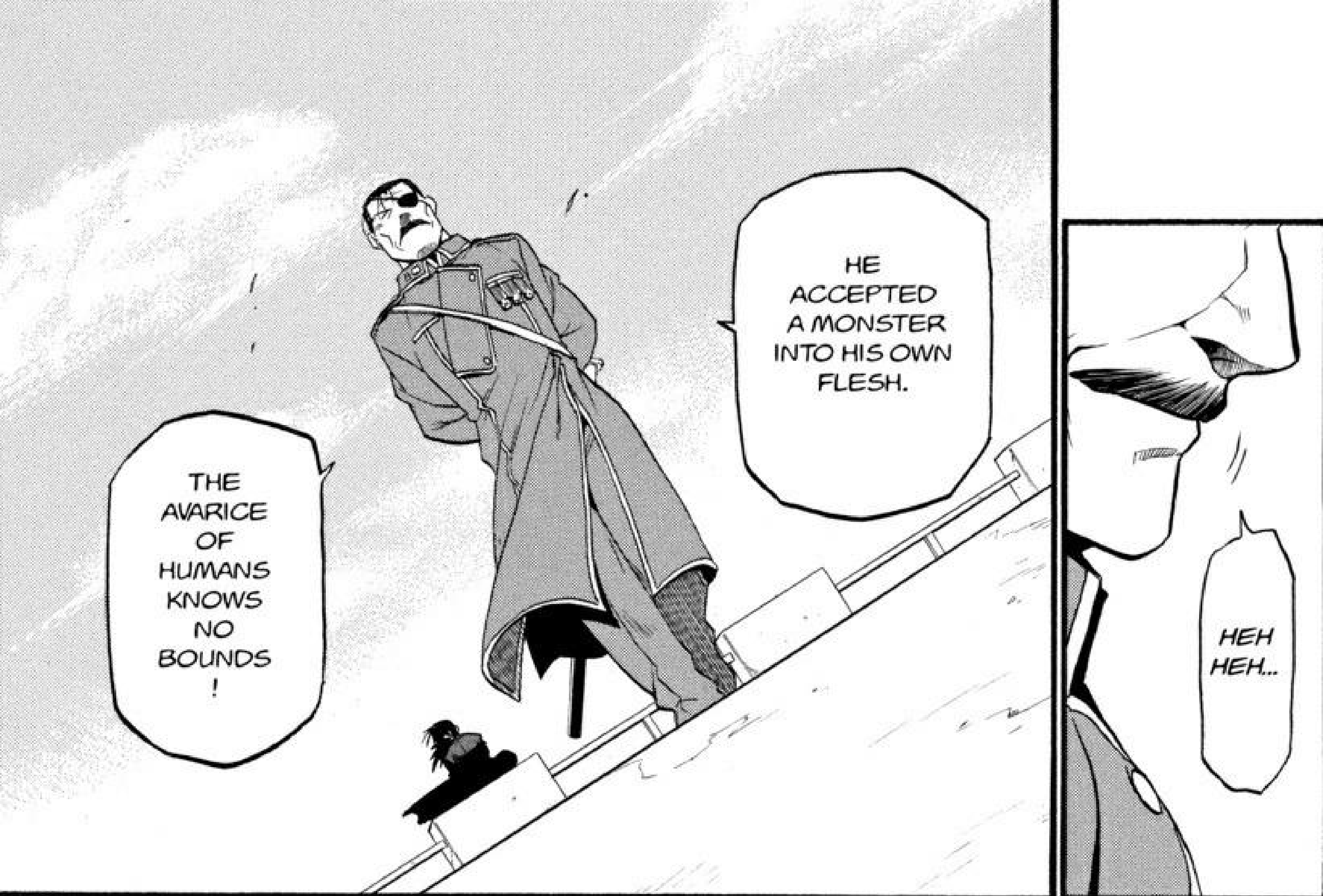
HOW PATHETIC HUMANS ARE.



THIS ONE IS JUST WAITING FOR ME TO LET MY GUARD DOWN SO THAT HE CAN TAKE BACK HIS BODY.

WHAT CAN I SAY?

...



THE
AVARICE
OF
HUMANS
KNOWS
NO
BOUNDS
!

HE
ACCEPTED
A MONSTER
INTO HIS OWN
FLESH.

HEH
HEH...



HEH
HEH...
SORRY
I
MADE
SUCH
A
MESS...

WE'VE
BEEN AT
A LOSS
AS TO
HOW TO
CLEAN
UP THIS
MOUNTAIN
OF
RUBBLE.

WE'RE
SO
GLAD
THAT
YOU'VE
RETURNED,
SIR.



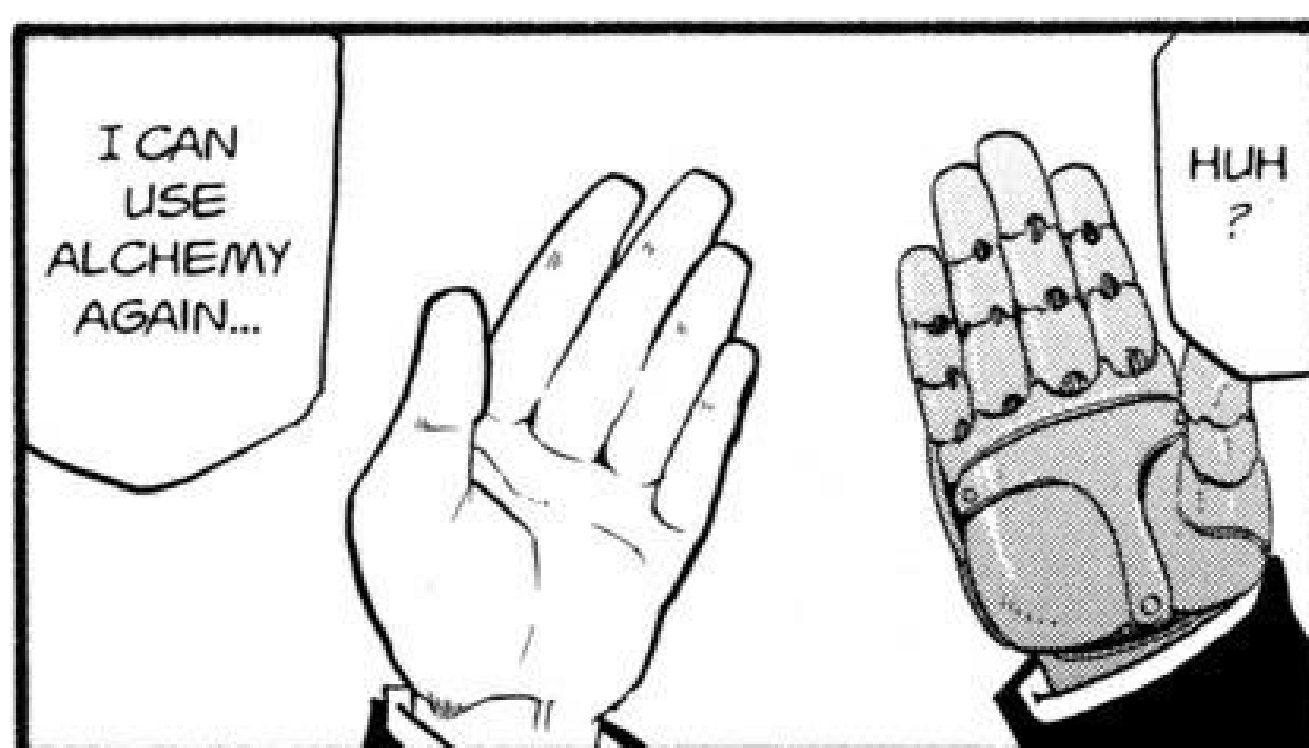
HE'S
ALL
RIGHT
TOO.

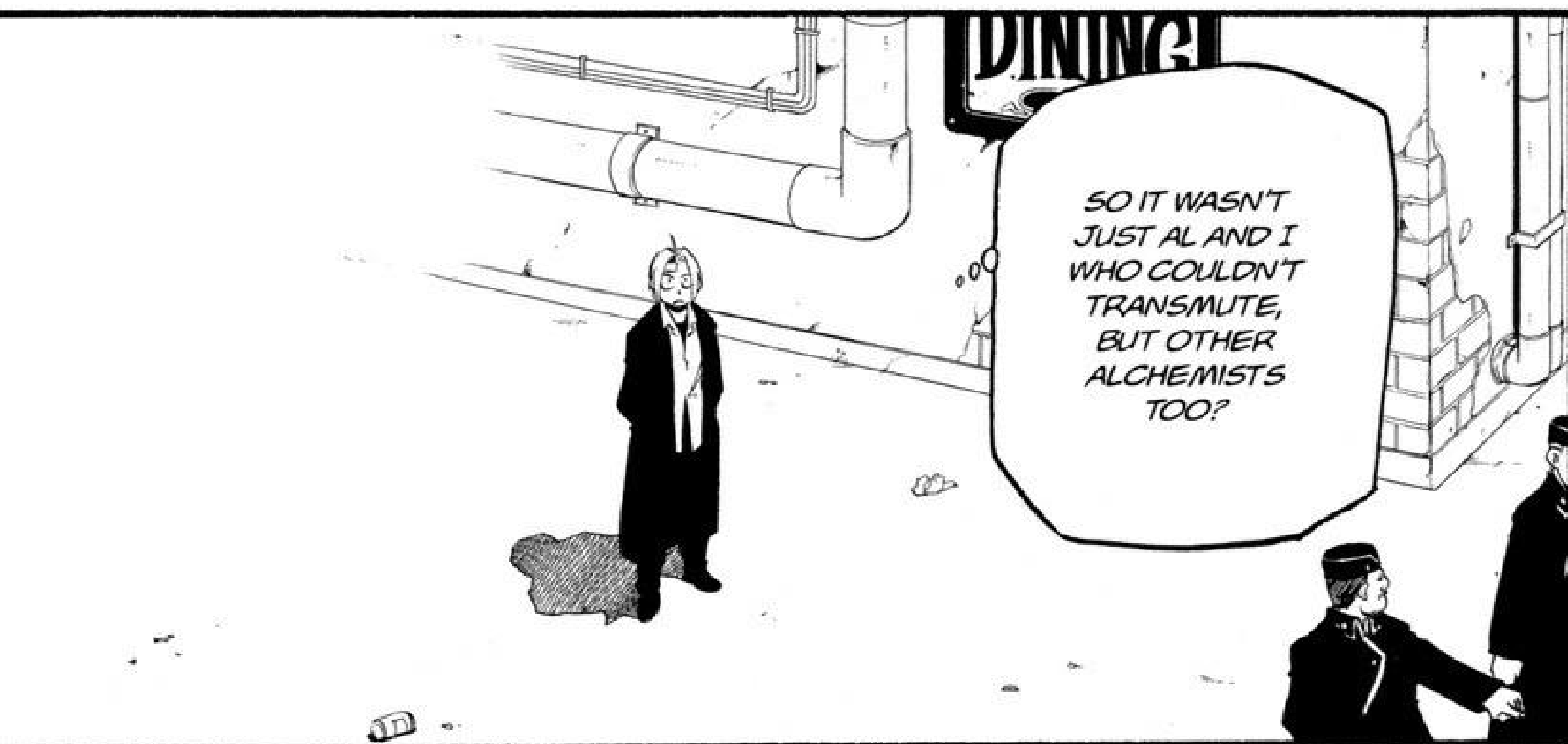
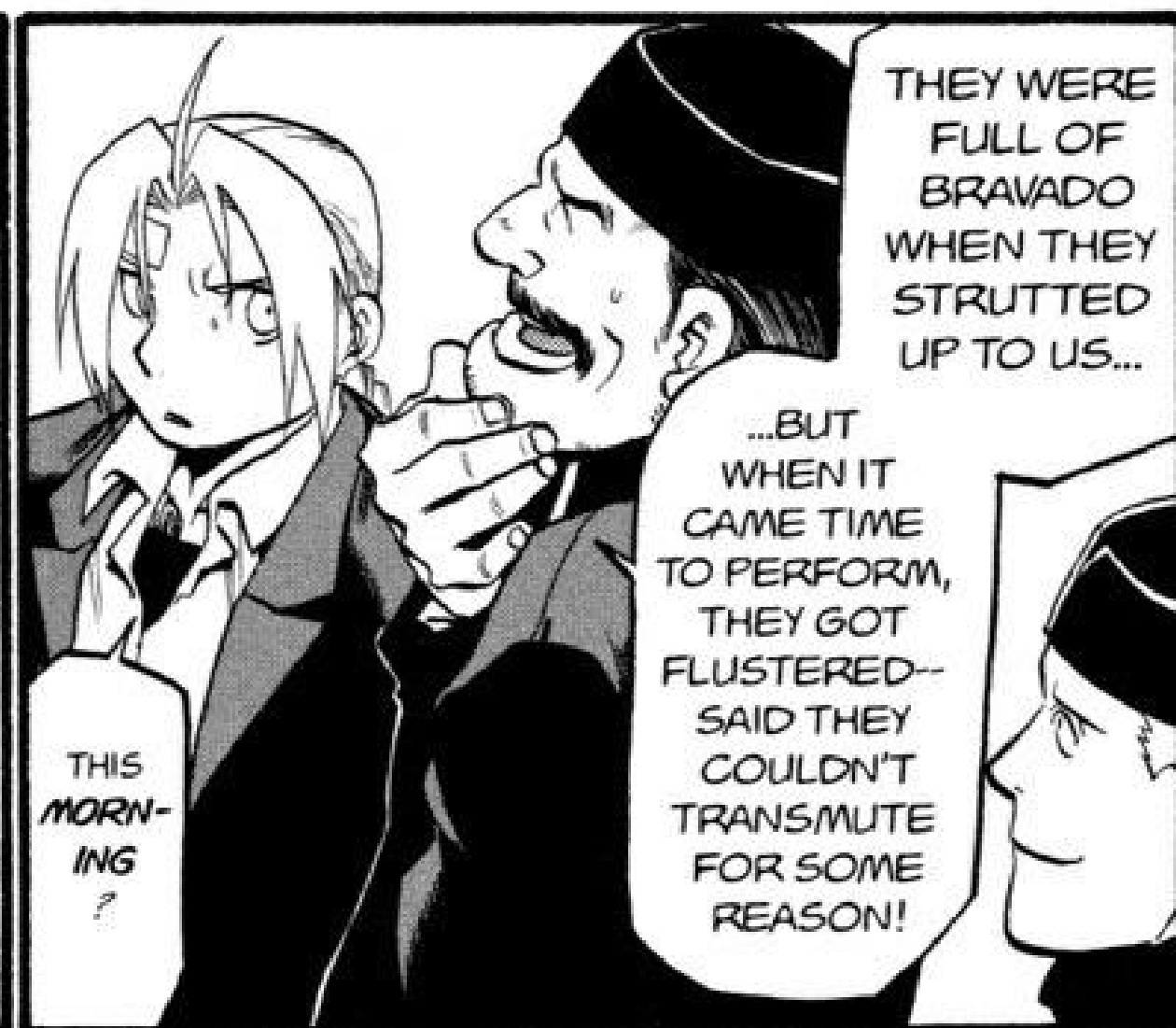
JUST
A
MILD
CONCUS-
SION.

I'M
AS
FIT
AS
EVER
!

ARE
YOU
IN-
JURED
?

YOU GUYS
GOT
KNOCKED
OUT WHEN
I WAS
FIGHTING
SCAR,
DIDN'T
YOU?

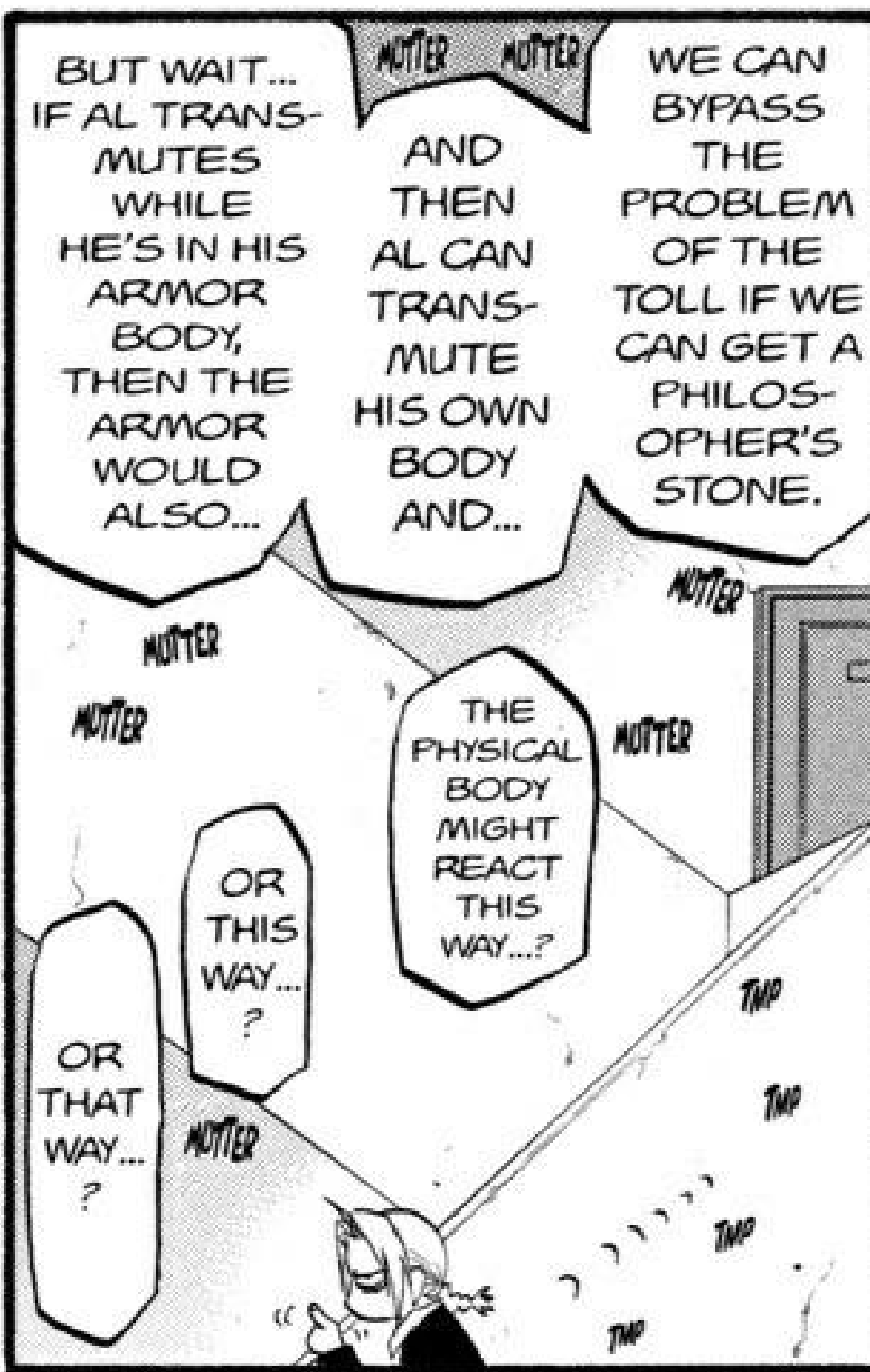






I'M SO SLEEPY, I CAN'T THINK !

THIS ISN'T GETTING ME ANY-WHERE...



BUT WAIT... IF AL TRANS-MUTES WHILE HE'S IN HIS ARMOR BODY, THEN THE ARMOR WOULD ALSO...

MUTTER AND THEN AL CAN TRANS-MUTE HIS OWN BODY AND...

MUTTER WE CAN BYPASS THE PROBLEM OF THE TOLL IF WE CAN GET A PHILOS-OPHER'S STONE.

MUTTER THE PHYSICAL BODY MIGHT REACT THIS WAY...?

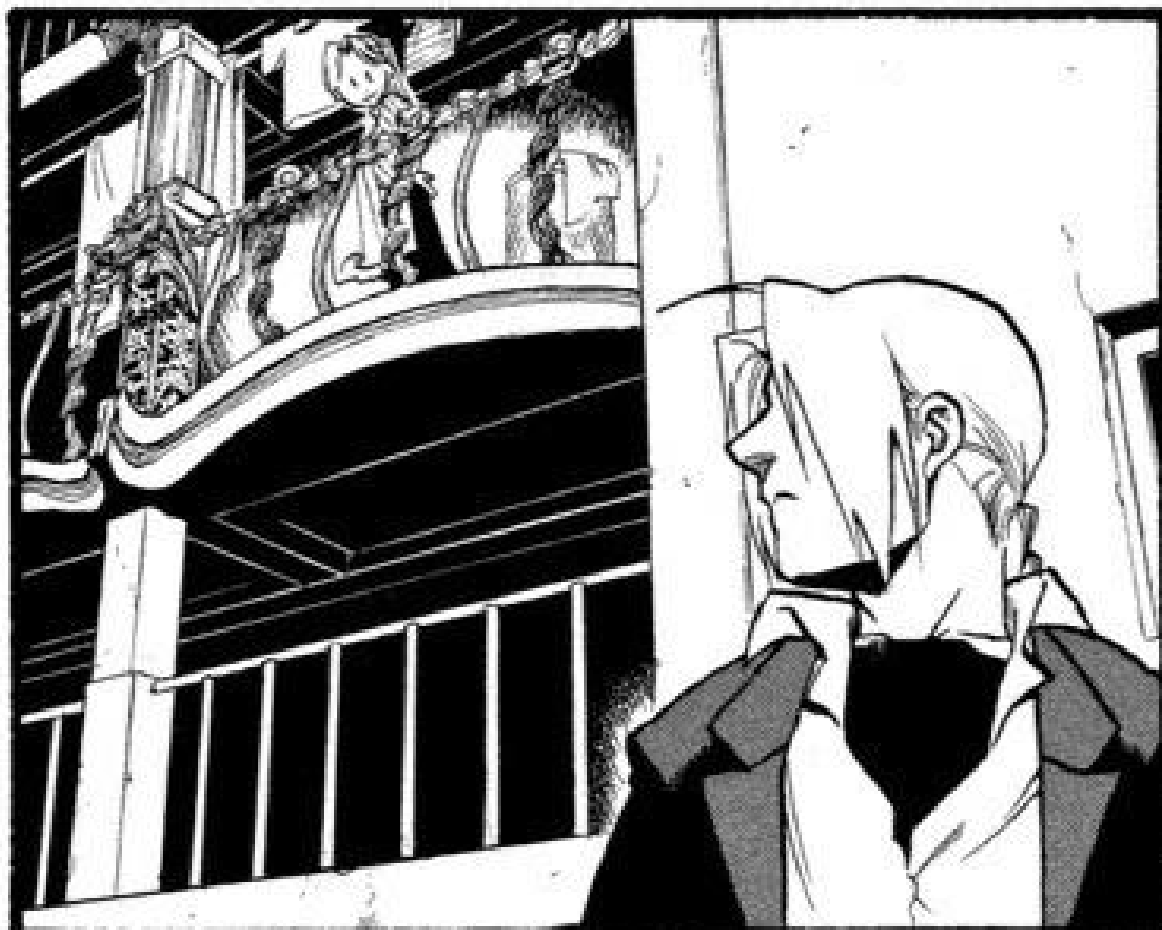
MUTTER OR THIS WAY... ?

MUTTER OR THAT WAY... ?



WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME IN FOR TEA?

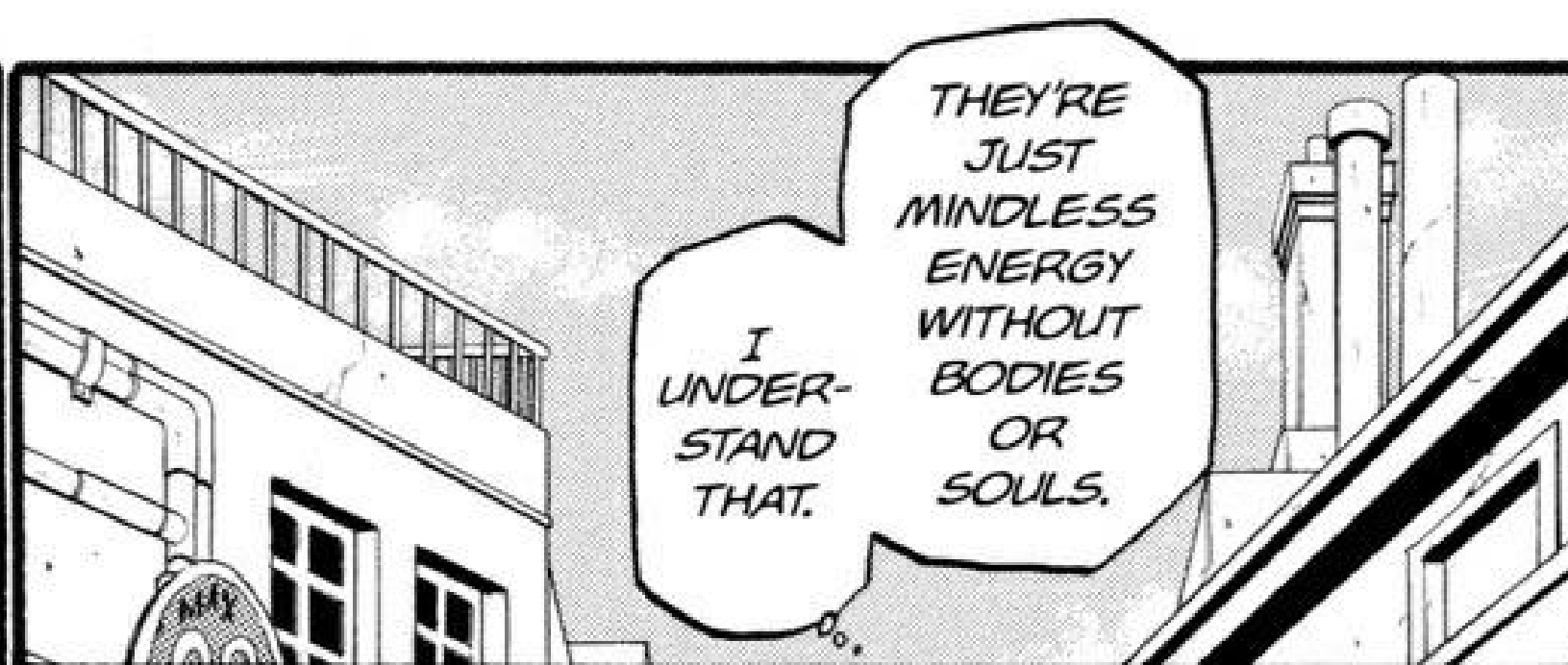
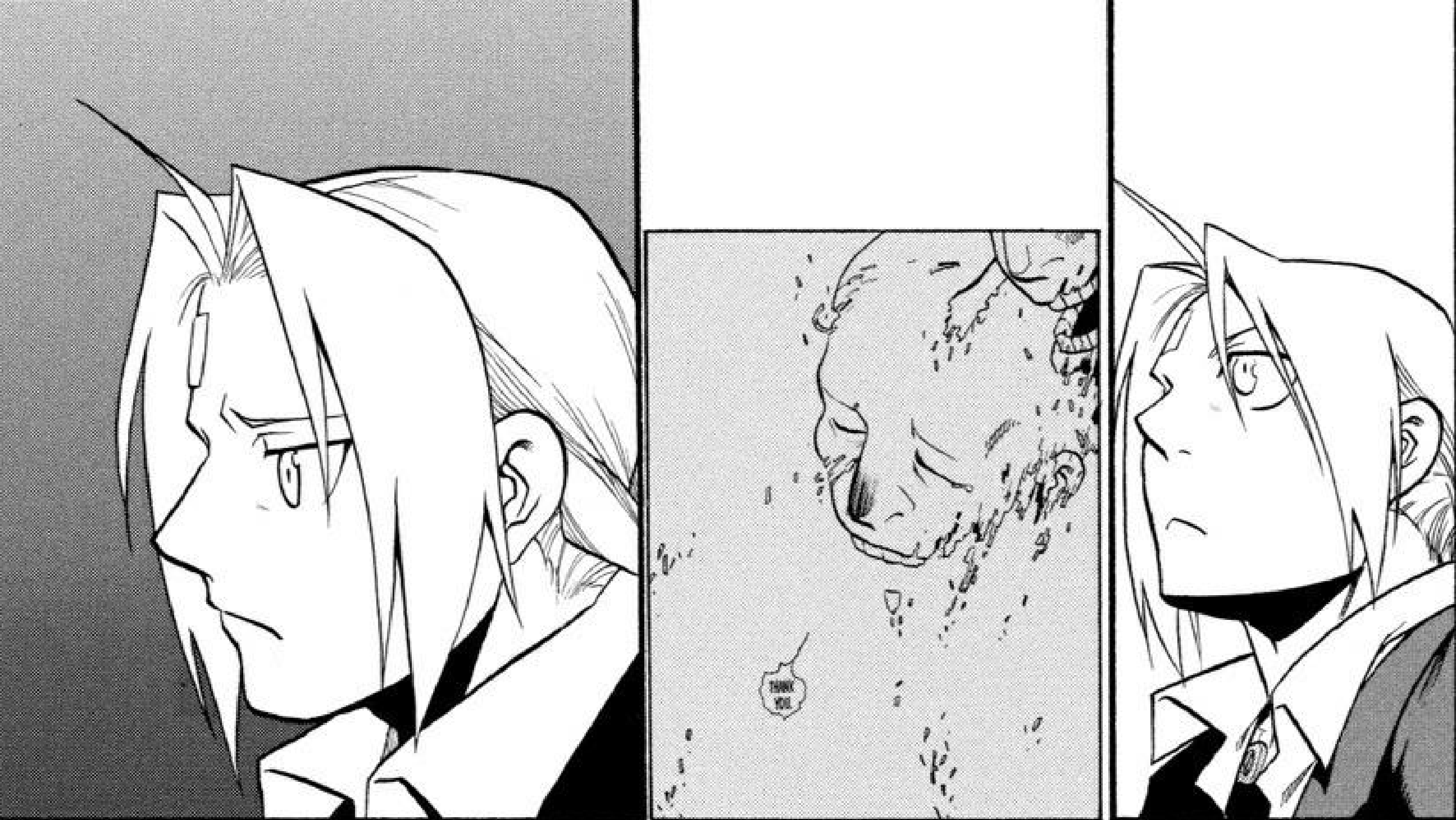
NO, THANKS. I'M GOING HOME TO GET SOME REST.



MR. ALCHE-MIST !



THANK YOU.





THEY WERE STILL
ABLE TO
TRANSMUTE,
EVEN AFTER
THE ALCHEMISTS
HERE IN CENTRAL
CITY COULDN'T.

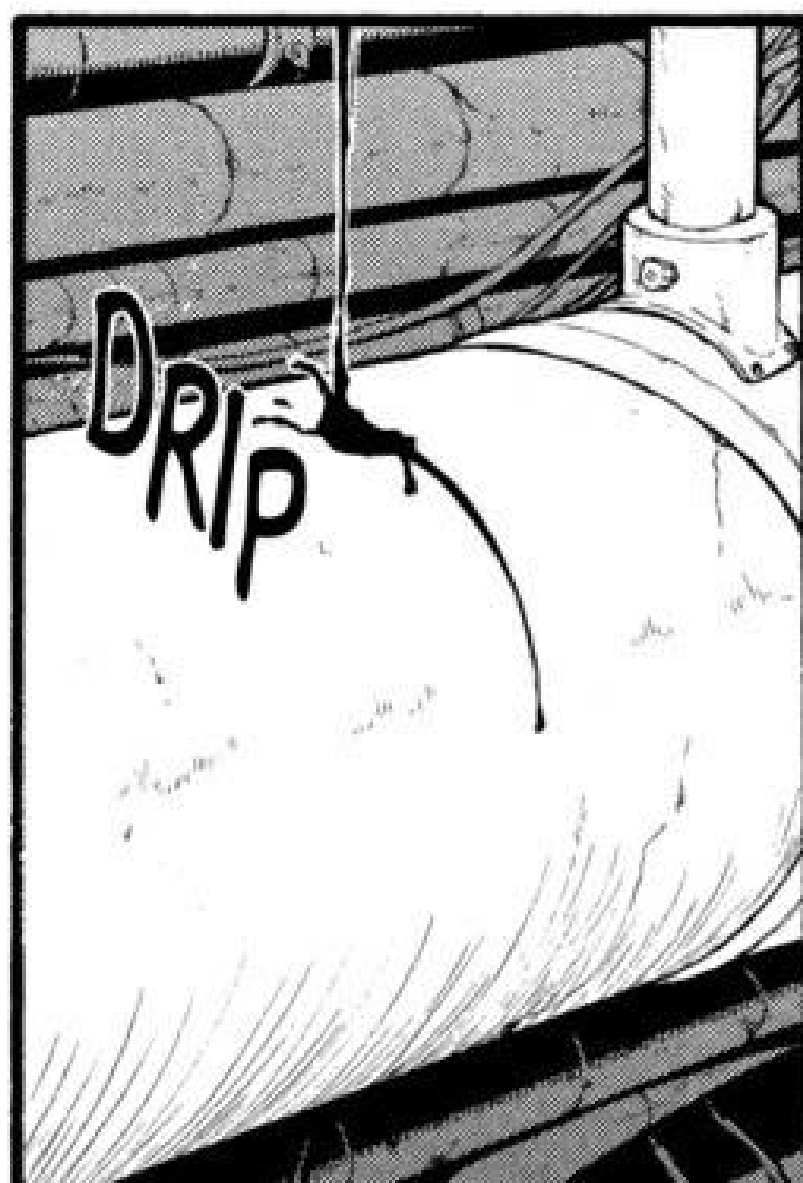
THAT
LITTLE
GIRL
AND
SCAR..



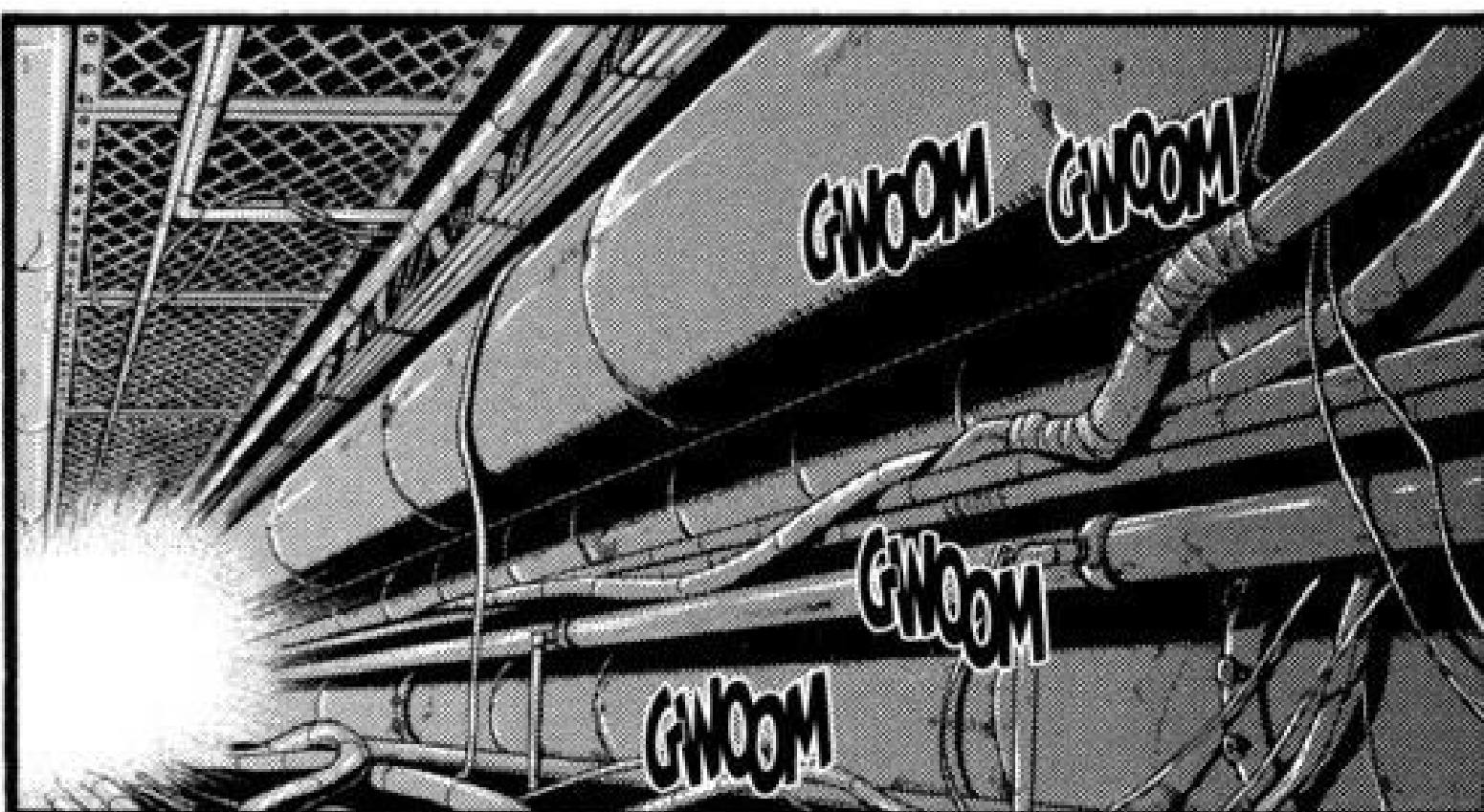
THERE'S
STILL
SO MUCH
I HAVE
TO
LEARN
ABOUT
ALCHEMY
!!

...THAT
CAN BE
USED
TO
CONFRONT
THAT GUY
WITH THE
BEARD
?

IS
THERE
A
DIFFER-
ENT
TYPE
OF
ALCHE-
MY...



DRIP



GWOOM GWOOM

GWOOM

GWOOM

